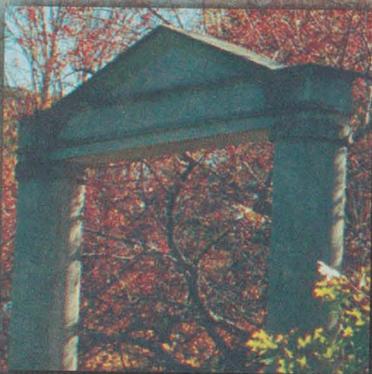
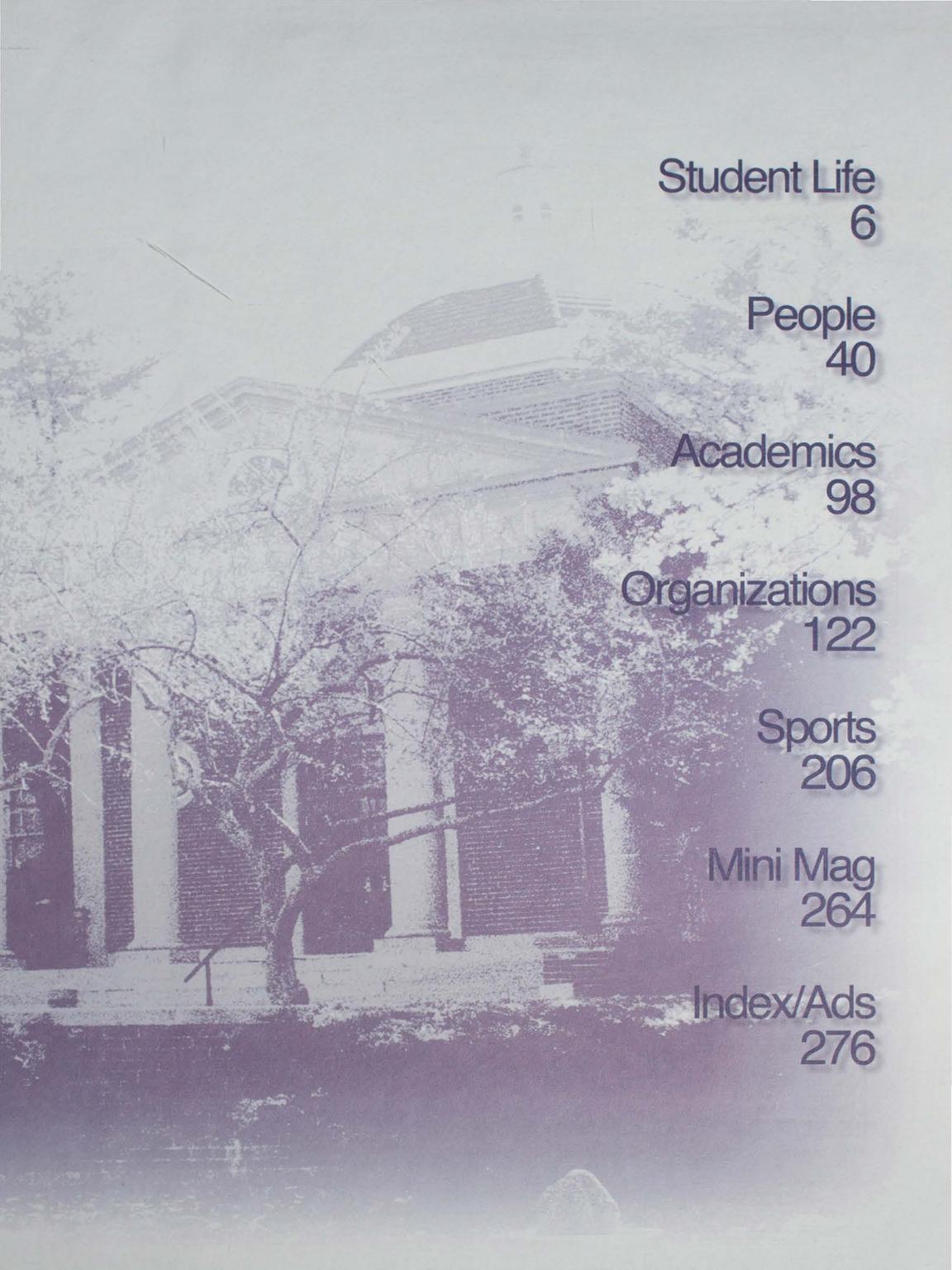


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College memories were hard to forget. They swelled inside students' minds and never seemed to deflate. Details appeared to last forever, yet eventually they diminished, and all that was left was an embellished account of the actual event.

As time passed, students dismissed the sunken



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garden's spring beauty, forgot Pickler Memorial Library's familiar scent and ignored the bell tower's clear rings. Students forgot about graduation requirements, the fight for yellow cards, the lack of parking spaces and the newspaper's top headlines. Long hours spent studying and researching for papers vanished with time. Students forgot the basketball team's record, the swim team's glory and the hype of the school bands. They would occasionally contact a few of their favorite professors

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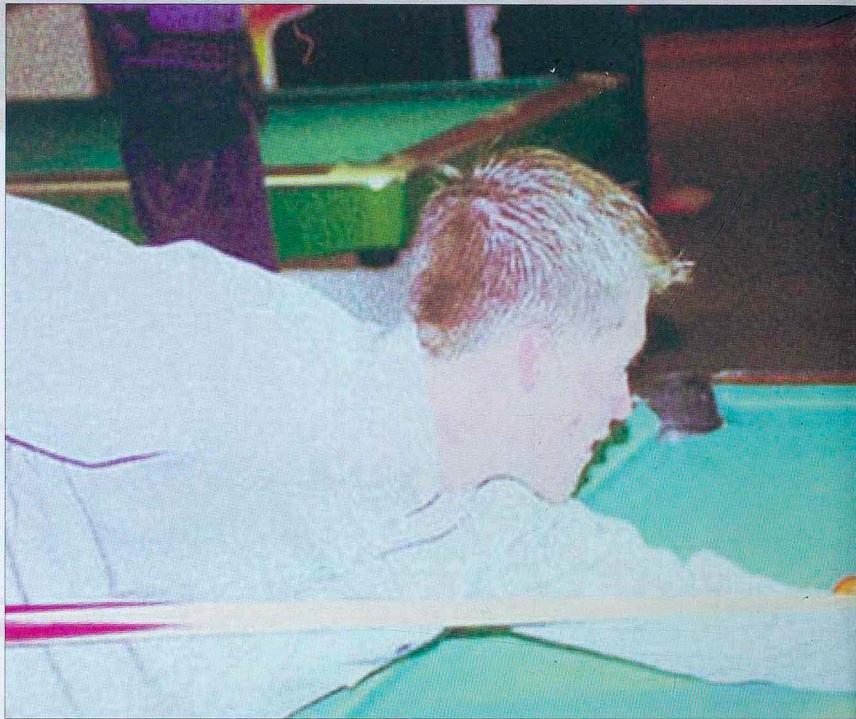


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and close peers, but some faces became strangers once again. Yet, the grand celebration after the big game, the prideful walk across the stage at graduation and the all-night festivities with best friends were memories that lasted forever.



The future, however, did not necessarily play out this way. College life and all its fine points were indeed preserved. The fading details were magnified. Truman State University students remembered the fixed weathervane on Kirk Memorial Building, noted the sternness on Joseph Baldwin's face and appreciated the chubby squirrels as they scampered over brick sidewalks. With the 2003-2004 edition of the Echo Yearbook, those memories did not fade — instead, the moments remained amplified.

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## Expanded by closer analysis

Truman State University's campus looked simple from a distance. The Student Recreation Center stood solid in the shadows of the trees, and Stokes Stadium sat in the shallow depth of its chain-link fencing.

Close up, students would remember the late-night trips to Wal-Mart or the Sunday afternoons when fans gathered in the lounges to watch their favorite sports teams. Students would remember the crowded court sidelines as intramural teams competed for volleyball and ping-pong championships or the whispered conversations about the previous night's bar hopping.

Inside jokes and memories were the details that amplified student life at the University. Buildings like Baldwin Hall appeared no different from other buildings, but on the inside, stories waited to be told and would only be revealed through detailed accounts of student life.





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# Student Life

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# thin is in

BY SARA ANDERSON

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In a society obsessed with body image, it was no surprise when new programs aimed toward dieting, such as the Atkins and South Beach diets, popped up in the public eye. As a result, millions tested and experimented — with noticeable results guaranteed. People hoped to become what society had labeled as “beautiful.”

“The women of our society have so many pressures on them to be beautiful,” senior Carrie Haberstroh said. “It’s no wonder why we all try all these crazy diets.”

Numerous dieting methods were on the market in 2003-2004. Adults, along with high school students, started experimenting with dieting trends, as the weight of the average female supermodel dropped, and men faced changing trends toward six-pack abs and toned muscles.

One dieting method, Weight Watchers, was a system that existed before the diet craze began. According to [weightwatchers.com](http://weightwatchers.com), the system focused on Flex Points, which individuals determined by calculating their current weight and target weight. Each food item had a specific point value, and each person used a certain amount of points per day. Weight Watchers guaranteed dieters to lose two pounds per week — as long as they followed the points system.

A newer diet to hit the market was the Atkins Nutritional Approach. Robert Atkins, a medical doctor, presented the public with a new approach to weight loss in his book, “Dr. Atkin’s New Diet Revolution.” Atkins based his diet on reducing carbohydrate consumption to only 20 grams per day. Atkins guaranteed weight loss and claimed his plan would help prevent diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

Another weight loss method was the South Beach Diet. This diet focused on a three-phase plan. According to the South Beach Web site, dieters had to completely cut carbohydrates such as sugars, fruit and alcohol from their diet during the first phase. The second phase allowed dieters to reintroduce one of their favorite dishes that they had cut from the first two weeks. Dieters remained at this stage until they reached their target weight. Finally, the third stage helped dieters maintain

their ideal weight.

These dieting methods seemed to be great when first introduced, and they appeared to be the answer people were looking for to solve their weight problems. Some students at Truman State University, though, disagreed. They thought that dieting was not always the answer to losing weight.

“Sure, diets sound like simple plans,” Haberstroh said. “You follow them and get your guaranteed results. But, that’s not always the case.”

Haberstroh also said it was hard to worry about what exactly she ate, especially when she was preoccupied with school. Junior Marina Burton agreed.

“It’s hard to balance work, school and all of your commitments without worrying about what, when and how much you eat,” Burton said. “It just adds more unneeded stress to people’s lives and sets them up for a letdown.”

Burton found different ways to maintain her health.

“I try to work out at least five times a week because it’s hard to eat healthy all the time,” Burton said. “When you’re running around between school and work and everything else you have going on, sometimes all you have time for is fast food.”

Mary Lou Cole, instructor in health and exercise science, said it was hard for students to fit healthy meals into their schedules.

“Students don’t always have the time to eat healthy,” Cole said. “But, it’s important to stay away from foods that are high in fat.”

Cole also said students should try to follow the food pyramid as often as possible because it was dangerous to cut out necessary vitamins and minerals if they tried a specific diet.

“[Vitamins and minerals] give you energy whether you realize it or not,” Cole said. “And omitting them from your diet is not only unhealthy to students who need these for growing bodies but to adults who do not realize how the loss of these minerals and vitamins affect their bodies.”

The stigma of the perfect body hung over individuals’ heads in 2003 and affected many people. However, not everyone bought into the promise of a miracle diet.

“Regular exercise and a good amount of fruits and vegetables beat every diet plan,” Cole said.



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## healthy eating

**magical eight** Doctors in 2003-2004 recommended drinking eight, eight-ounce glasses of water per day.



**go fish** Experts believed that having two to three weekly servings of omega-3-rich fish, such as salmon and tuna, improved health because the fatty acids benefitted the heart.

**carbo load** Experts believed that daily calories should consist of 55 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent fat and 15 percent protein. High-protein diets resulted in loss of calcium, and high-fat diets resulted in poor heart health.

**yummy** Junk food was a slang term for foods with limited nutritional values, including foods that were low in nutritional content and high in salt, sugar, fat and calories.

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# fans brave local battle

BY DOMINICK SCALISE  
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**I**t caused dissension between the most agreeable of roommates and created arguments both during and outside of class. This division so sharply split the campus community that proponents of either side dared

skipping class to sit with their eyes frozen to a television screen, supporting their revered cause.

The separation came down to one simple question: Which Missouri metropolis was home to the best sports teams? St. Louis and Kansas City fans had feuded for decades over which side of the state deserved to become Missouri's sports capital. Baseball and football created the most devoted followers.

Truman State University students came from both sides of the state, setting up a playground for debate on this highly controversial subject. St. Louis Rams fans might have possessed a slight advantage over Kansas City Chiefs enthusiasts in the past, but a slight shift in each team's success occurred during the 2003 football season. Senior Angela Suppasansathorn supported the Royals and Chiefs throughout the year and had done so for as long as she could remember. She believed that Kansas City fans held the advantage over St. Louis supporters.

"We're not fair-weather fans," Suppasansathorn said. "I went to games when [the Chiefs] never even won. Even in those games, I always believed they had a chance."

Suppasansathorn was not the only Kansas City sports fanatic. Junior Becky Gall had stuck with the Royals since experiencing her first live game in elementary school.

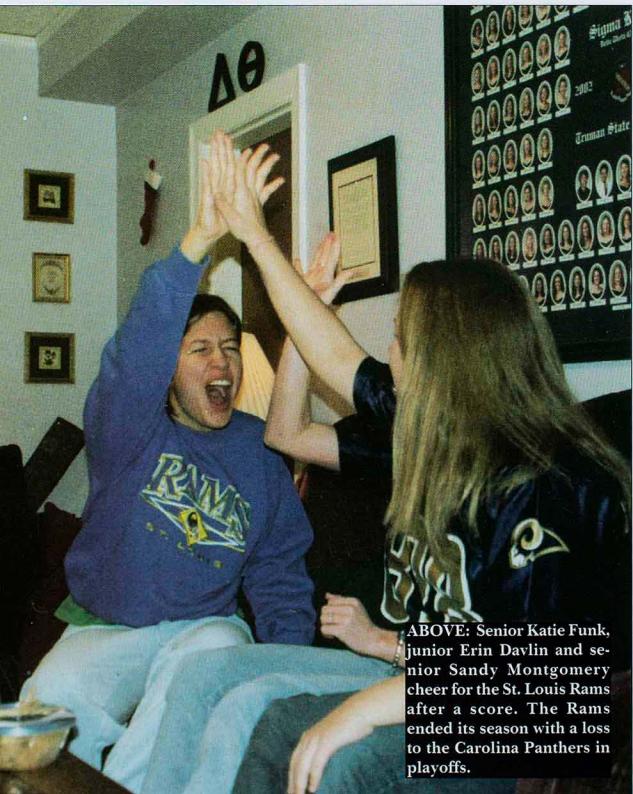
"I grew up in Kansas City," Gall said. "We watched every [Royals] game, and for the home games we'd go after the seventh inning and get in free to see the end."

Gall had a difficult time seeing all the Royals games while school was in session, but because the Chiefs played only once a week, she never missed their games.

"I watch the Chiefs religiously," Gall said. "Since we don't have cable, I usually go to a friend's house or to a sports bar if I'm able to."

Though Gall and Suppasansathorn rooted for their struggling Royals, most Cardinal fans ended the season with a smile because their team had compiled more wins.

Some University students, though, supported the St. Louis Cardinals in a unique way.



ABOVE: Senior Katie Funk, junior Erin Davlin and senior Sandy Montgomery cheer for the St. Louis Rams after a score. The Rams ended its season with a loss to the Carolina Panthers in playoffs.

PHOTO BY KATIE STORMS

"I have this foam hat that I bought at a Cards' game," senior Chris Slaten said. "It's the head of a giant cardinal. So when I put it on, I look like a cardinal. Sometimes I even wear it when I watch close games at home."

Slaten said he noticed a difference between the Royals and the Cardinals.

"Clearly the Cardinals are the best team in the area," Slaten said. "They have been to the World Series nine times. The Royals have only been once."

Kansas City fans, however, might say that although the Royals had only played in and won one World Series, they still showed superiority to the Cardinals. The 1985 Series was the last time either team had been in a Series, and the Royals emerged victorious.

"Even though the Cardinals lost that Series almost 20 years ago, you can't say they haven't proved themselves to be the better team in the state," Slaten said.

Slaten also said the St. Louis Rams have had an advantage over the Kansas City Chiefs prior to 2003.

"Considering that the Rams played in two Super Bowls in the past five years, and the Chiefs haven't, I'd say that the Rams have a pretty clear advantage," Slaten said.

Both Kansas City and St. Louis fans sometimes let their devotion affect school work.

"I skipped a full day of class last year to see the Cardinals," Slaten said. "I try and go to somewhere between 10 and 20 games a year."

Likewise, Suppasansathorn said she had missed classes to see the Chiefs.

"I had a Monday class my sophomore year that I skipped twice because I went to see the Chiefs Sunday night and got back late," Suppasansathorn said. "I slept in the next morning because of the drive."

Both Kansas City and St. Louis fans had no regrets for any of their actions.

"I don't care because I'd do anything for my team," Slaten said. "That includes wearing the head of a cardinal."



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**ABOVE:** Students in Kansas City, Mo., ascend the escalator at Kauffman Stadium to watch a Kansas City Royals game. The Royals had a turn-around season in 2003 by boasting a winning record.

**"We're not fair-weather fans."**

-senior Angela Suppasansathorn, Royals/Chiefs fan

**"I'd do anything for my team. That includes wearing the head of a cardinal."**

-senior Chris Slaten, Cardinals/Rams fan

# free gift with purchase

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Most universities provided some variety of free services for students. Truman State University was no different. Students were able to use many University resources that ranged from health care to entertainment.

Campus services occasionally set fees for some of the resources provided, but students could usually access them for free. David Rector, institutional research and budgets director, said state funding and money taken from tuition provided some of the cost. Rector also said that about 53 percent of the centers' funding came from state lump-sum funds, and the other 47 percent came from various fees students paid as part of tuition.

"These are pretty typical services that a college of our type has," Rector said.

He also said these services were necessary for the well-being of both the student body and the community.

The Student Health Center typically received about 2,500 visits each semester. Health Center director Brenda Higgins said the appointment calendar was completely full each week. Students could make appointments, or they could walk in Monday and Friday mornings. The health center charged for some services, such as voluntary physicals and various types of lab work, but only to cover the health center's cost of supplies and testing. Visits for illness-related reasons were always free, and the center did not have a limit on the number of free visits per student.

"Our main focus is to get sick students back in the classroom so that they can be successful in the classroom," Higgins said.

Senior Danielle Gant went to the health center for a military science physical and received the service for free.

"I went during the cold season, so I had to wait, but the service was good," Gant said.

University Counseling Services provided one-on-one counseling sessions to students for things like depression, loneliness, anxiety, anger management and group counseling. All services at the counseling center were free except for some of the psychological assessment testing. Students were encouraged to limit their use of the counseling center to 10 sessions, but the counseling services staff was more than willing to expand that number if necessary.

"[Students] need the support to succeed academically," said Joe Hamilton, counseling center assistant director. "Helping the mental health of the students helps the community in general."

The University Career Center was another source of free and low-cost on-campus services. This facility offered information on internship and graduate school opportunities, helped arrange job interviews, had online recruiting services and also offered various self-assessment tests for students looking to find a career path.

Senior Katie Ramatowski took an aptitude test at the career center and was able to gain valuable information about her future.

"They helped me decide my career path," Ramatowski said. "They're pretty nice there."

The University also provided a number of other services at no cost to students. The Student Recreation Center offered students a location to exercise with free weights, weight machines and cardiovascular equipment. It also housed a variety of sports complexes. The Student Activities Board, on the other hand, provided entertainment at little or no charge to students by bringing concerts, movies and comedians to campus.

The Kohlenberg Lyceum series was another source of entertainment and culture. It brought the Polish Philharmonic Orchestra, the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance and a production of the Pirates of Penzance acts in 2003-2004. All Lyceum events were free with student identification cards.



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LEFT: Sophomore Ryan Tichenor calls out a number at the Student Activities Board Bingo Night. SAB often provided free activities on campus, but students paid a \$28 fee each semester to cover a portion of the costs.

BELOW: Elliptical machines stand ready for student or faculty use. The University provided free and unlimited use of the Student Recreational Center to all students.



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Services	Rec. Center	Health Center
How many at a time?	Over 1,000 students used the rec. center per day.	About 2,500 people used the Health Center per semester
What did it cost for others?	Community members paid \$850 per semester to use the rec. center	Other health clinics charged up to \$100 per visit
When was it busy?	The rec. center was busiest from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays	The health center was busiest Monday and Friday mornings.

# permission to park

BY SETH GAMBLE

STAFF WRITER

**I**t is five minutes before class starts. You are driving around in search of a parking spot but only find a sea of cars. This was a common experience for many Truman State University students who brought their vehicles to school.

"There are not enough spaces, and the spaces are positioned poorly," sophomore Amy Olson said.

Most students only knew about the year-long parking passes that the Department of Public Safety offered at the beginning of the year. However, the DPS also offered a free, two-week parking permit called a temporary vehicle permit. The DPS offered residents three temporary permits per year and offered nonresident commuters one per year.

"The permits could be used if their vehicle is being repaired or is out of service," DPS director Tom Johnson said.

Any student could also purchase an additional five-week, temporary pass for \$5. Students with temporary parking permits could park in either the resident or commuter lots depending on the student's status.

"They can be used anywhere, so [they] are definitely used to their full advantage," said senior Keith Cronin, DPS ticket writer.

This temporary parking permit could be used many ways.

"If a student chose to bring their vehicle back after Thanksgiving, the seven-week parking pass should bring them around until Christmas," Johnson said.

Therefore, students could leave their vehicles at home until Thanksgiving and only pay \$5 for the seven weeks as opposed to \$50 for a commuter or residential parking permit.

Although some University students took advantage of the temporary parking permits, many others were unaware that an option existed. Olson said DPS did not advertise the parking permits well because she could have used one when she went to the Dominican Republic for a semester.

"I could have used them for their convenience or for friends and family that came to visit," Olson said.

Students with regular permits, though, were limited to the lots designated for student use. When these lots became full, students had to find more creative ways to guarantee a parking spot. Cronin said he once discovered nine cars parked on the grass in front of Ryle Hall. One of the best ideas was to stake out a spot early.

"I would have to find a good parking spot over the weekend and then not move the car all week," Olson said.

The highly-useful temporary parking permits often were not used to their full advantage. However, these permits had potential to become a huge success among University students as more became aware of the option.



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LEFT: Senior Keith Cronin places a ticket on an illegally parked car. The Department of Public Safety wrote about 100 parking-violation tickets each week.

BELOW: Rows of cars fill one of the commuter parking lots. The University provided 10 lots for faculty and commuter students to share. The University also reserved one lot specifically for commuters and 11 lots specifically for faculty.



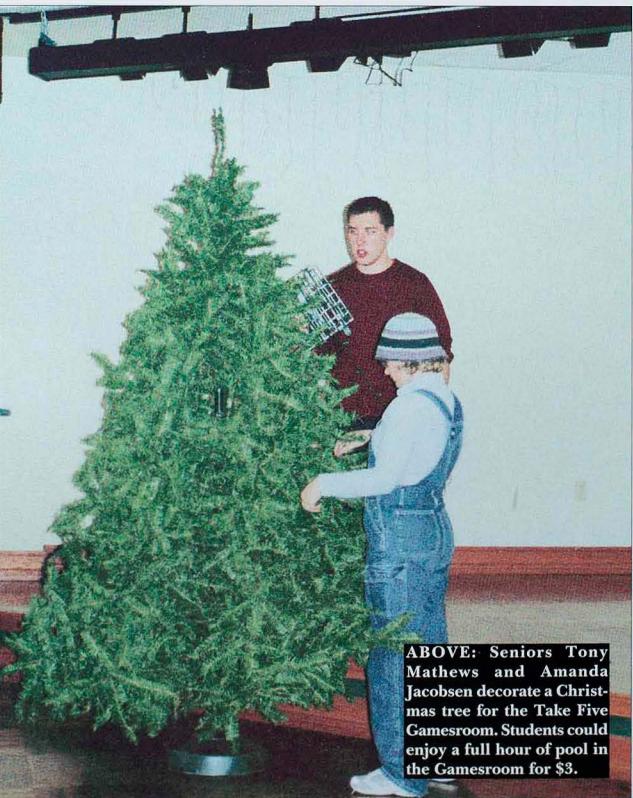
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Parking	Total Spaces	A Break Down
Lots for the Spots	The University provided 30 parking lots on campus.	The University had 14 lots for residents and 11 for faculty.
Sales vs. the Space	Residential living offered 951 parking spaces for students.	The University sold 1,600 parking permits in 2003-2004
Looking at the Numbers	The University offered 2,718 parking spaces on campus.	Residents had 951 spaces, and faculty had 709 spaces

# take notice

BY LAUREN JACKSON  
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Some students headed to the Take Five Gamesroom for its video games, while others chose to take a break from classes with a game of pool. The



ABOVE: Seniors Tony Mathews and Amanda Jacobsen decorate a Christmas tree for the Take Five Gamesroom. Students could enjoy a full hour of pool in the Gamesroom for \$3.

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Gamesroom offered more events to students in 2003 after a management change.

Senior manager Amanda Jacobsen and senior event coordinator Danny Witzofsky wanted to bring more diverse events and activities to appeal to an array of Truman State University students. They also decided to keep the events that had worked well in the past, such as pool and pingpong tournaments.

The Student Union Building managers had considered shutting the Gamesroom down and using the space for something else due to a lack of student interest. Neither Jacobsen nor Witzofsky wanted the Gamesroom to close, so they worked hard to bring the place back to life with new and improved events and activities.

The Gamesroom offered board games like Scrabble, Twister, Scattergories and Monopoly in 2003-2004. Students could check the games out during gamesroom hours, but they had to remain in the room.

"We went out and bought a whole bunch of new board games, and we offer those everyday," Jacobsen said.

The Gamesroom also offered board game festivals once a month. The first festival was in early September 2003, attracting about 75 people.

A Back to School Bash also occurred in late September in the SUB Down Under and included a showing of "The Breakfast Club" and a dance. The turnout was not as high as Jacobsen and Witzofsky had hoped, but Jacobsen said the people in attendance enjoyed themselves.

The Gamesroom signed an advertising contract with the Index after the Back to School Bash to try to increase awareness and attendance.

Jacobsen and Witzofsky also added the Tuesday Night Acoustic Series in 2003. A total of three acts played throughout the school year. Easily Amused traveled all the way from Canada to play in the Down Under on Oct. 28, 2003.

Jacobsen and Witzofsky started planning events for 2004 in fall 2003. They hoped to create a local band

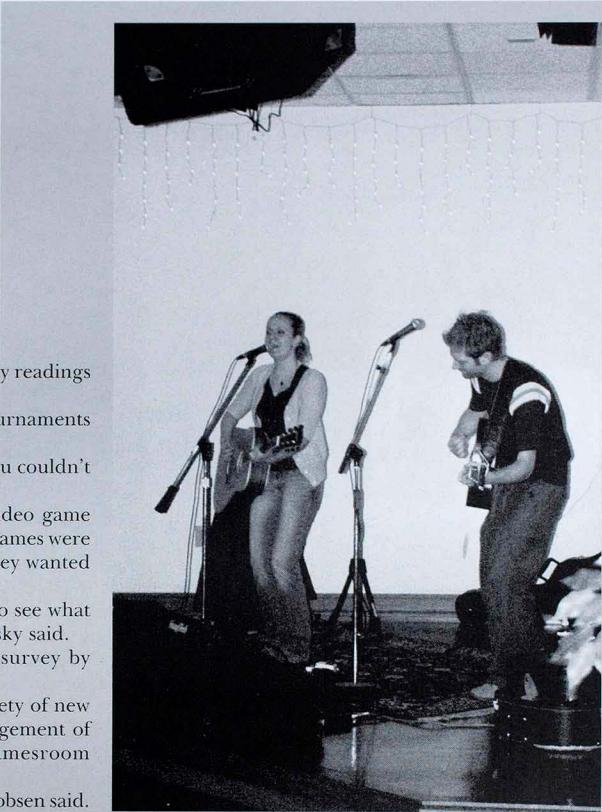


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**ABOVE:** Easily Amused, sponsored by the Take Five Gamesroom, brings music to the SUB Down Under on Oct. 28, 2003. The Gamesroom offered pool, pingpong, air hockey tables and 12 video games.

contest and a coffeehouse.

"We've also talked about doing some poetry readings or art displays," Witzofsky said.

In addition, they planned other game tournaments like chess and Scrabble.

"We also wanted to bring in games that you couldn't play on your computer," Jacobsen said.

The Gamesroom wanted to expand its video game selection as well. Jacobsen said virtual reality games were popular and were one type of video game they wanted to bring.

"We did a survey of students on campus to see what games they wanted — [virtual won]" Witzofsky said.

They received good feedback from the survey by offering candy to students who participated.

The disc jockey booth also received a variety of new compact discs, so people had a wider arrangement of music to listen to while they enjoyed Gamesroom activities.

"The selection before was pretty poor," Jacobsen said. "We bought all kinds of new CDs with different genres."

Another change allowed the Gamesroom to be rented out in 2003, something that had not been tried before. Organizations could rent out just the pool tables or the entire room for the night. The rental of the entire room included unlimited pool, but students had to pay for videogames separately.

Junior David Johnson had been a regular in the Gamesroom since his freshman year. The pool tables initially attracted him, and he later became a member of the pool league. After paying a flat fee for a semester, a pool league member could play up to five hours each week.

"I play enough pool per semester to make it worthwhile to become a member," Johnson said.

Since the Gamesroom became more diverse with various activities, the amount of people that visited grew quickly.

"Not everyone likes playing videogames and pool," Witzofsky said. "Now, there is something for everyone."

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-Senior Danny Witzofsky, Take Five Gamesroom event coordinator

**"We went out and bought a whole bunch of new board games, and we offer those everyday."**

-Senior Amanda Jacobsen, Take Five Gamesroom manager

# the love line

BY KAREN SCHWARTZTRAUBER  
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When it came to life's little problems, Truman State University students experienced everything from homework overloads to coping with their roommates' laundry habits. College life was full of intellectual and social problems. Many of these problems were solved, thanks to the Student Activities Board, when Dr. Drew traveled to the University on Sept. 25, 2003, to speak to students about their questions.

Drew was an expert in social behavior, including areas such as drinking, sexuality and dating experiences. He was best known for his advice on MTV's hit show Love Line. The show had teenagers and college students phone in to ask advice about their love lives. Students had the opportunity to talk face-to-face with Drew and ask questions when he visited the University.

"It was mostly about topics that have been pounded into teenagers' minds over and over again," sophomore Leah Young said. "His presentation and style, however, was often more amusing than the topics themselves."

Drew started the night by telling his audience the story of how he first became interested in college students' needs. He talked of his life in Pasadena, Calif., where he first debuted on a late-night radio show. Drew said he did not think he was interested at the time when he was asked to go on the air and talk about sexually transmitted infections. His thoughts changed, however, once he started listening to the questions students were asking.

"All I had was this powerful instinct that something good was happening," Drew said. "I realized how much

I enjoyed talking to young people."

Drew addressed topics in a talk show manner during his night at the University, and the audience members chose what they wanted to discuss. Topics such as reasons why men and women cheat on their significant others, what causes pressure and anxiety in a relationship, and how women and men react to each other while dating were discussed among members of an active audience. The audience was willing to talk about difficult questions.

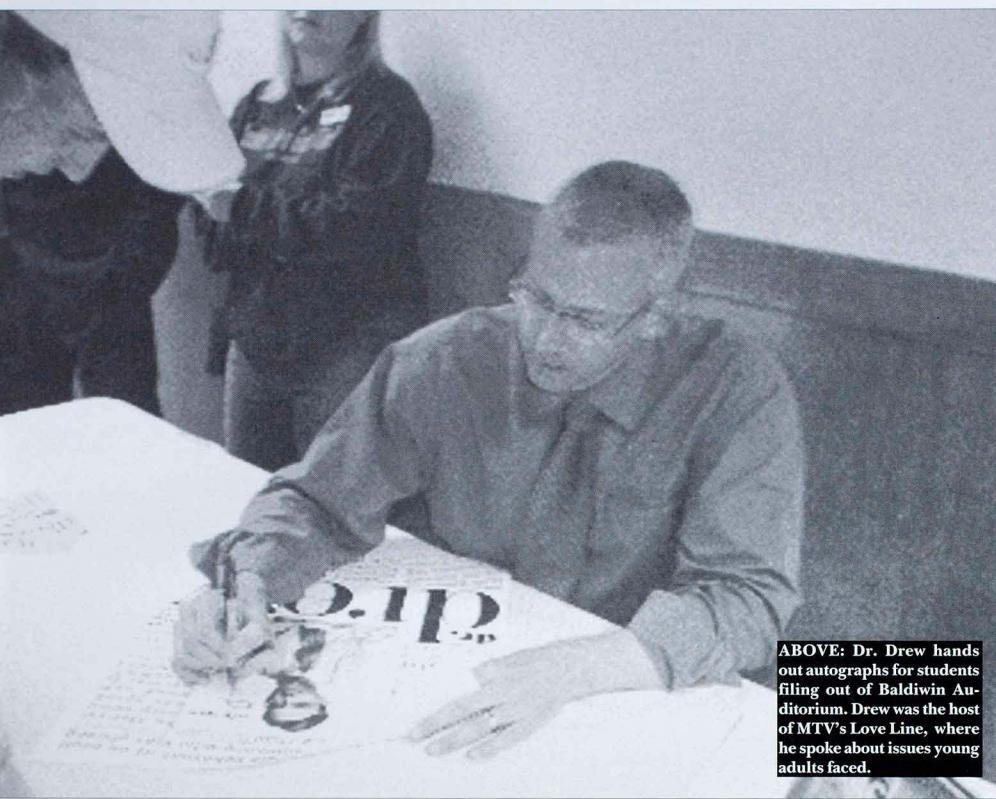
"I liked Dr. Drew because he made what would normally be locker-room talk into something a lot more academic," sophomore Ashley Phillips said.

Many other students shared Phillip's opinion. Most audience members were comfortable throughout Drew's talk, no matter what directions the discussion took. Many topics revolved around everyday problems, which made it easy for University students to engage in the discussions.

"Dr. Drew was really funny and easy-going," junior Nick Kremer said. "I really liked the message he sent."

The message that Drew emphasized throughout the night dealt with how individuals make decisions. He explained why people make decisions they do not really mean and why it was best to try to keep life real. It was important for students to realize that they must deal with their sexual and dating issues in a responsible manner and keep their eyes open to the truth of each situation.

"Not enough is made of listening to one's instincts," Drew said. "Culture tends to pull a person in different ways. It is most important to not be afraid of reality and instead trust your instincts."



ABOVE: Dr. Drew hands out autographs for students filing out of Baldwin Auditorium. Drew was the host of MTV's Love Line, where he spoke about issues young adults faced.

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ABOVE: Copies of Dr. Drew's works attract University students. Dr. Drew's book was a literary guide for dealing with life experiences based upon his ideas.

LEFT: Dr. Drew spoke to the crowd in Baldwin Auditorium during a question-and-answer session about real-life experiences with University students. Drew began advising young adults for the Love Line on a small radio talk show after his college graduation.

PHOTO BY KATIE SIMMONDS

# roommate roulette

BY AMY DEIS

STAFF WRITER

Freshmen found the first year of college to be a learning experience. One difficult task they dealt with was learning to live with someone around the clock.

The staff at the Residential Living Office spent three to four days in May working to match freshmen as roommates. John Mounsey of Residential Living, along with his staff, worked by hand to match complete strangers.

"It's pretty complicated," Mounsey said. "No computer could actually do it easily."

Interested students sent in housing cards to Truman State University, and the Admissions staff stamped on the date the card was received and filed all cards according to that date.

The Admissions staff sent the cards to Residential Living in early May to begin the roommate matching process. The staff matched reciprocated roommate requests and then sorted cards by gender and first hall preference. They painstakingly reviewed the indicators on the cards of "neat/tidy person" and "morning or night person."

"I think those are good tools to base decisions off of," said Kevin Bollinger, residential living staff.

The staff maintained the date-of-receipt card while deciding on which hall to place students. Those with the earliest date were most likely to receive their first preference. When a hall became full, the staff still observed the date of receipt for a student's second hall preference. For instance, a student with an earlier date of receipt received their second hall preference before a student with a later date received their first preference.

Students who turned their cards in late sometimes lucked out on room placement.

"The reality of it is the people who get their cards in late sometimes are very lucky and sometimes they don't get their choices," Mounsey said. "Sometimes rooms will become open in the course of placement so the people who [turn] them in really late end up with their first choice. We can't go through and re-do all the assignments."

Although the staff had few indicators of personality to go by, it had excellent placement results during the fall 2003 semester.

"We had 142 people change [rooms], which is not that uncommon," Bollinger said. "It's at the semester break that we have the high change. Ironically, a lot of these changes are upperclassmen as much as first years, too."

Freshmen Shaina Bauman and Lisa Hanson did not know each other before coming to the University. They became friends quickly, however, and decided to room together the following year.

"The [main interest] with us is that we're both Christian," Hanson said. "We can both handle differences in each other, and we're able to accept we're different people."

Though the match with Hanson and Bauman worked, Bauman said a change in some of the content on the housing contracts could make the system work better.

"I filled out other housing contracts, and they had a more detailed survey," Bauman said.

Freshmen Cindy Thomas and Alexandra Luedke did not adjust to the other's personality as well as Bauman and Hanson did. Neither thought the University's system was as efficient as it could be.

"I did check that I was loud, and she doesn't like noise," Thomas said. "I played music loud, and she didn't like that."

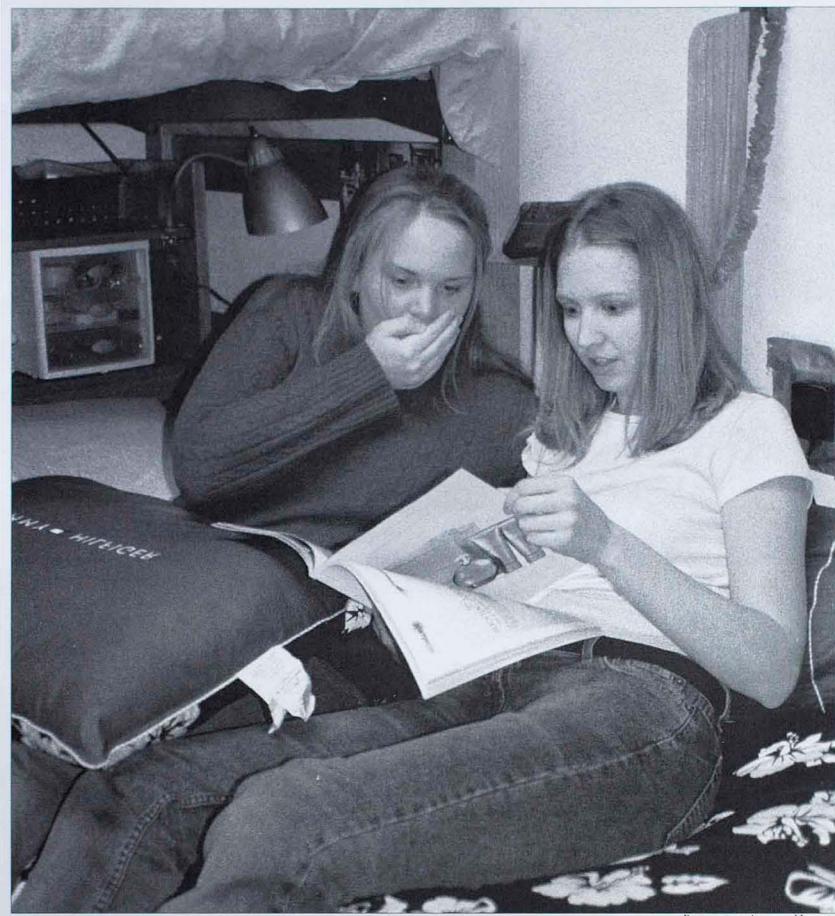
Luedke suggested the staff ask different questions on the housing contract.

"I think they should take into consideration personality traits," Luedke said.

Thomas and Luedke went through mediation to discuss their differences, but Luedke decided to move out at the end of the semester.

Mounsey believed the success of roommates who got along was not because his staff chose well but because students were able to form and maintain relationships.

"The reality of it is we can do our best to match people, but it's all about relationships and developing those interpersonal skills," Mounsey said. "We see it as a developmental opportunity for them."

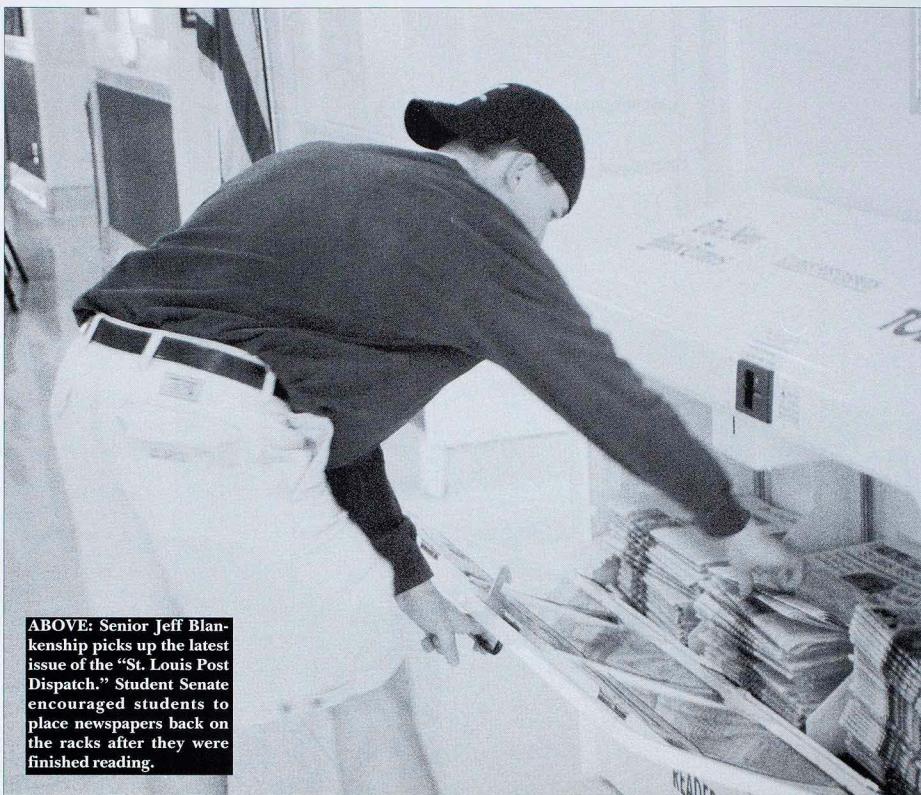


LEFT: Freshmen Caroline St. John and Krista Ramage flip through a magazine together. The University paired St. John and Ramage to be roommates in Missouri Hall.

BELOW: Freshmen roommates Krista Ramage and Caroline St. John play cards on their makeshift table. St. John was from St. Louis, while Ramage came from Kansas City, Mo.

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**ABOVE:** Senior Jeff Blankschip picks up the latest issue of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch." Student Senate encouraged students to place newspapers back on the racks after they were finished reading.

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**ABOVE:** Free copies of three major newspapers were available in spring 2004. The availability of these papers increased students' access to politics, stock quotes and cartoons.

**RIGHT:** Senior Jason Weber sorts through a paper in the Violette Hall commons. The newspapers were restocked daily at 10 locations on campus until leftovers remained.

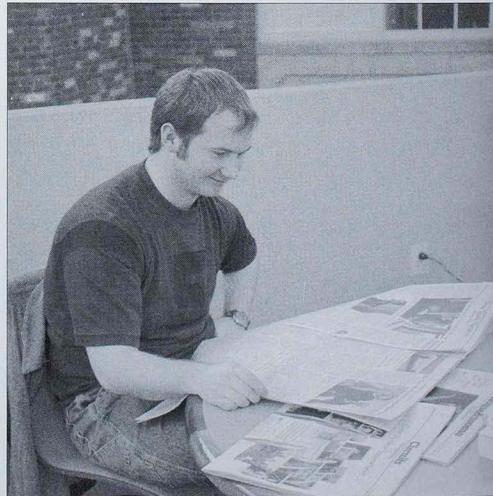


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# new newspapers

BY REENA KARAN  
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In an effort to keep students and staff members more informed, Student Senate implemented a new service allowing anyone to pick up a free daily issue of the "New York Times," the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" or the "USA Today" on campus. The program began on a trial basis for the spring 2004 semester.

"We were approached by the USA Today on whether we wanted a one-month free trial," said sophomore Laura Keck, student senate member. "We talked it over with them, and with faculty and staff, to see if we wanted to go ahead with the one-month free trial."

Student Senate decided to implement the program in February. It picked up the subscription expenses after the first month for the remainder of the semester. Members chose two other newspapers to provide along with "USA Today."

"We chose the "New York Times" because it was a well-recommended national paper," Keck said. "Then we had to choose between having the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" or the "Kansas City Star." We chose the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch," but we are debating on whether we will allow students to vote for which paper they would rather have."

The program was successful, and many students picked up a paper on a regular basis.

"I am very happy with [the newspapers on campus]," senior Maggie Mayham said. "I pick up the "New York Times" because I like reading the arts and entertainment sections. I like to see what is going on in the New York scene, as opposed to the Kirksville scene, which is pretty much nonexistent."

Students from the St. Louis area were pleased that their hometown newspaper was one of the three choices being offered.

"I like the 'St. Louis Post-Dispatch' because I am from St. Louis," junior Thomas Marrone said. "I like getting an idea of what's going on at home as well as

what is going on nationally."

For those students who were from smaller areas, the chances of getting their hometown newspapers on campus were slim.

"I like the choices that are available," junior Mackenzie Taylor said. "When I am at home, I usually read the 'Omaha World Herald,' but I don't think they would bring that here."

Even though Taylor was unable to read about her hometown in the news, she was still pleased with the program.

"I usually pick up the 'New York Times' or the 'USA Today,' whichever headline looks more interesting," Taylor said. "I like to read the science and technology section, which I don't usually get to do."

The Senate would decide whether to keep the program, based on its success. If it continued, however, the newspapers would no longer be free of charge. The cost for the program would be included in student activity fees.

"The Student Senate election is in April," Keck said. "On the ballot will be an option for students to choose whether or not they want to keep the program going for a fee of \$9 per semester."

Most students were willing to pay an additional fee for the papers.

"It depends on how we were [charged]," Taylor said. "If we had to pay on a daily basis, then I wouldn't because I don't usually keep change on me. But if it was just a one-time fee, then I would be happy with it."

The student response to keeping the newspaper program intact was high as long as the price for it was low.

"I think it would be worth it," Marrone said. "Six dollars is a small price to pay for having three newspapers available daily."

Senate had surveyed the student body on numerous occasions to ensure that the program would be a success. From the responses given by students, it was likely the program would continue.



ABOVE: Judy Shepard speaks about hate crimes and her son, Matthew, to an emotional crowd in Baldwin Auditorium. Shepard's visit coincided with a University theatre production of "The Laramie Project," a play about Matthew Shepard's death in Laramie, Wyo.

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# shepard speaks

BY MELISSA DONDLINGER  
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Judy Shepard spoke to an estimated 1,000 students, faculty, staff and Kirksville community members Feb. 10, 2004, about her personal insight on hate crimes.

Her son, Matthew Shepard, lost his life in 1998 to a hate crime because he was homosexual. Judy and her husband founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation after their son's death in an effort to prevent future hate crimes.

Shepard's message was insightful and motivational, and it triggered a flurry of discussion and debate over an issue that was difficult to reconcile. One of the hottest issues of national debate in 2004 was whether gay marriage should be legalized and whether married homosexual couples should share the same rights as married heterosexual couples. Shepard's speech and a gray-haired woman's protest against homosexuality at the end of the question-and-answer period caused many students to consider the issues.

"The speaker made me think of some things I never thought of before because I do believe marriage is between a man and a woman in the church," junior Meredith Chavarria said. "So what I'm kind of struggling with right now is, can we say 'Oh no, we can't give them rights the same as a man and a woman.'"

Shepard's talk also caused junior Candice Murdock to reconsider some of her prior ideas on gay marriage.

"I used to be against it," Murdock said. "I used to think 'Well, marriage is a religious thing

between a man and a woman. So we can't say that gay people can be married because it goes against what marriage is.' But with the speaker the other night, it made me think, 'Well you know, if we do take religion out of it, if they're not saying that they're in a religious covenant — then that's a good point."

Senior Christopher Conatser had some insightful comments to make about the rift formed between those who supported and those who opposed homosexuality.

"I think there's an awful lot of hate and ignorance on both sides," Conatser said. "The main goal ... should be to try to educate and promote love all around. And of course that's a whole lot harder than screaming invectives at each other or shouting down an old lady as she tries to stand up for her beliefs."

Becky Becker, assistant professor of theater, was one of several people who worked to bring Shepard to Truman State University. She said people needed to realize that just because one person had a belief, not everyone else had to agree with them.

Both Conatser and Shepard said they were willing to accept the other side's opinion, as long as both sides received equal rights and respect.

Shepard, although visibly upset by the woman who spoke out against homosexuality, responded admirably to what the woman said and set an example for both sides.

"She has a right to her opinion," Shepard said. "Thank you for your support, but we shouldn't make her feel like she is less. She deserves our respect the same way people should respect us. What we need to do is work together."

# real world: kirksville

BY JOHNNY VINES  
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Throughout the 12 years prior to 2004, many college students had become devoted followers of MTV's "The Real World." The show,

which debuted in 1992, was one of television's first reality shows and was billed as "the true story of seven strangers picked to live in a house and have their lives taped." By 2004, as the series was entering its 14th season, individuals at Truman State University got the opportunity to see members from the show up-close-and-personal when the Student Activities Board invited three former cast members to speak on campus.

University students flocked to see Ace Amerson, Mallory Snyder and Leah Gillingwater discuss their experiences from "The Real World: Paris" on March 27.

Junior SAB member Chrissy Colpoys was in charge of coordinating the event.

"We were trying to think of different events to bring in in the spring, and we were trying to find some speakers who weren't that expensive and could appeal to the largest group of people at Truman," Colpoys said.

Colpoys said an online student survey made the decision to bring three members from the "Real World: Paris" season to the University.

"We picked three different seasons: Paris, San Diego and Back to New York," Colpoys said.

Students were to rank which "Real World" season was their favorite and then give their top three choices of cast members from every season. Ace, Mallory and Leah were the highest."

The decision to bring the "Real World: Paris" cast members to the University proved to be a success, as students and even some professors filled Baldwin Auditorium to hear the members speak.

ABOVE: "The Real World: Paris" co-stars Leah Gillingwater and Mallory Snyder share their experiences about life on reality television. The ex-cast members released "top-secret" information about the show.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON

Many in attendance were fans that just wanted to meet the cast.

"I went because that was the only season of the show I had actually watched all the way through," sophomore Sarah Charnes said. "I really liked the cast members, and I think Ace is really hot, so I wanted to meet them."

Other fans were curious about how the television persona of each cast member compared to the real-life persona.

"I decided to go because I thought it would be fun to see and hear them in person," junior Erin Davlin said. "I was interested in seeing if they acted the same way that they were portrayed on the show."

During their visit to the University, the former cast members discussed a wide variety of topics with students, from how they got onto the show, to how they felt about other cast members, to essentially anything students wanted to know.

"They started off just talking about the show, and then they answered questions from the audience, which lasted like 50 minutes," Colpoys said.

At the end of the night, those in attendance deemed the "Real World" cast members' visit a success.

"I really enjoyed it because I got to meet all of them, and Ace even gave me a hug," Charnes said. "It was definitely worth going."

The audience members were not the only ones who had a good time. The "Real World" cast members also enjoyed their time spent at the University.

"They said after the show that this was one of the best audiences they had ever had because everyone acted genuinely interested in what they were saying and didn't just want pictures and autographs," Colpoys said. "I guess we've got some die-hard 'Real World' fans here."



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ABOVE: Ace Amerson from "The Real World: Paris" embraces a University student while his co-star Mallory Snyder watches. Ace and Mallory's "secret romance" was a highlight of the Paris season.

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-junior Erin Davlin

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# crowning moment

BY SHIELA BIGGS

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A cool crisp feeling in the air and leaves of various fall shades meant Homecoming was approaching. It was time to choose the year's most worthy candidates and crown them as king and queen.

The process of becoming the 2003 Homecoming king or queen was challenging. Potential candidates faced a long process beginning with nomination from their respective organization. Nominees then proceeded to fill out an application consisting of six short-answer essay questions. These questions were based on the candidate's Kirksville community involvement, scholastic achievement and involvement with the University. Nominees were also judged on the overall quality of their application.

"The application was well-built," said senior Erin Smith, Alpha Gamma Delta member.

The candidates were asked to list any organizations, activities and positions or honors they had obtained. Many hopefuls were involved in community services such as fund-raisers, charities and extracurricular activities like clubs and sports.

Another application question asked what the importance of Homecoming was to the candidate.

"Homecoming is about community—it brings people together," said senior Karl Hendrickson, Newman Center candidate.

Twenty-seven students submitted applications, with 16 candidates being called back for interviews.

Applicants were asked during the interview how they would want to be remembered. Hendrickson answered that he would not like to be remembered for his extracurricular qualifications, but just as a friend.

The interviews eliminated six people, which left five men and five women for the 2003 Homecoming court.

Following the selection of the finalists, the University's faculty, staff and student body voted for the individuals they wanted to represent them as Homecoming king and queen. The winners of each title were announced after the lip sync competition at the Coronation Ceremony in Baldwin Hall Auditorium.

"They represent the highest ideals of the Truman student," said junior Katie Pederson, Homecoming points-and-awards co-coordinator.

Pederson said the process was even more challenging because each candidate was highly qualified.

The Homecoming court was chosen Sept. 16, 2003. The women selected were Smith, senior Lindsey Reorda of Delta Zeta, senior Lisa Philip of Alpha Sigma Alpha, senior Andrea DuPont of Phi Sigma Pi and senior Allison Gaston of Cardinal Key. The men selected were Hendrickson, senior Matt Fails of Sigma Phi Epsilon, senior Derek Kent of Delta Sigma Pi, senior Micah McKay of the Student Activities Board and senior Gabe Kennon of Alpha Phi Omega.

Kennon and Philip were crowned 2003 Homecoming king and queen Oct. 17.

Candidates used promotional posters to advertise their candidacy and achievements. The posters could be displayed for one month prior to the election.

The process was more important than winning the crown for some of the candidates.

"[It was a] huge honor just to be nominated, and to be selected for court is an even bigger honor," Smith said.

Candidates believed they were chosen by their respective organizations for various reasons. Hendrickson felt that his leadership skills were the reason the Newman Center chose him to represent its organization. Smith thought her organization had many qualified students.

"It is the biggest honor to represent your organization," Smith said.



ABOVE: Seniors Gabe Kennon and Lisa Phillip, 2003 king and queen, ride in the Homecoming parade. Every year, the previous Homecoming king and queen returned to crown the new royalty.

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# couples challenge

BY JENNA KEEVAN  
STAFF WRITER

The ultimate 2004 Valentine's Day question might have been, "How well do you know your significant other?" This was the case for the 130 students who watched 17 couples compete in the Couples Game Show on Feb. 10.

Graduate student Doug Verby and senior Marty Glenn played hosts and asked each person a question about his or her partner in the first round. Each couple started with 100 points and could wager anything up to 100 points. The couple had to answer two questions correctly by writing their answers on dry erase boards to receive all the points they wagered. Questions ranged from what types of cologne their boyfriends wore to the age of their girlfriends' mothers.

"We planned on just one minute for each question, but with all the passing of the boards, asking questions, me making comments and actually just getting to know people, it took awhile," Verby said. "But it was cool to see 17 couples up there and to see how long people have been together."

Couples' relationships ranged from three months to eight years. The knowledge of each other was not the only thing that hurt some participants' answers, however.

One couple missed the question, "What color is your girlfriend's comforter?" because the woman did not realize the word "comforter" was another word for bedspread. She instead gave the color of her sheets.

"I loved the first round," Glenn said. "It's just funny — the interpretations of the questions and then the easy bickering between the couples."

Eight couples advanced to the second round. Each contestant answered a multiple-choice question, such as, "What store would your girlfriend most likely shop at?" or "What kind of shoe would your girlfriend be?"

in order to be one of the top-five couples and receive a prize.

A tiebreaker round ensued after two couples ended the second round in a tie.

It was obvious that both pairs were well acquainted, after they answered their questions correctly. The hosts decided to split the first-place prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart and second-place prize of a \$40 gift certificate to Minn's between them. The third-place prize consisted of a \$20 gift certificate to Patterson's, and fourth place received movie passes.

One of the first-place couples said they would definitely compete in a couple's game show again.

"We won \$100," sophomore Brad Robertson said. "We're poor, so it's great."

Students signed up to participate with senior Megan Duff, Student Activities Board event coordinator, prior to the show.

"It was a small event to get the campus involved and to celebrate Valentine's Day," Duff said.

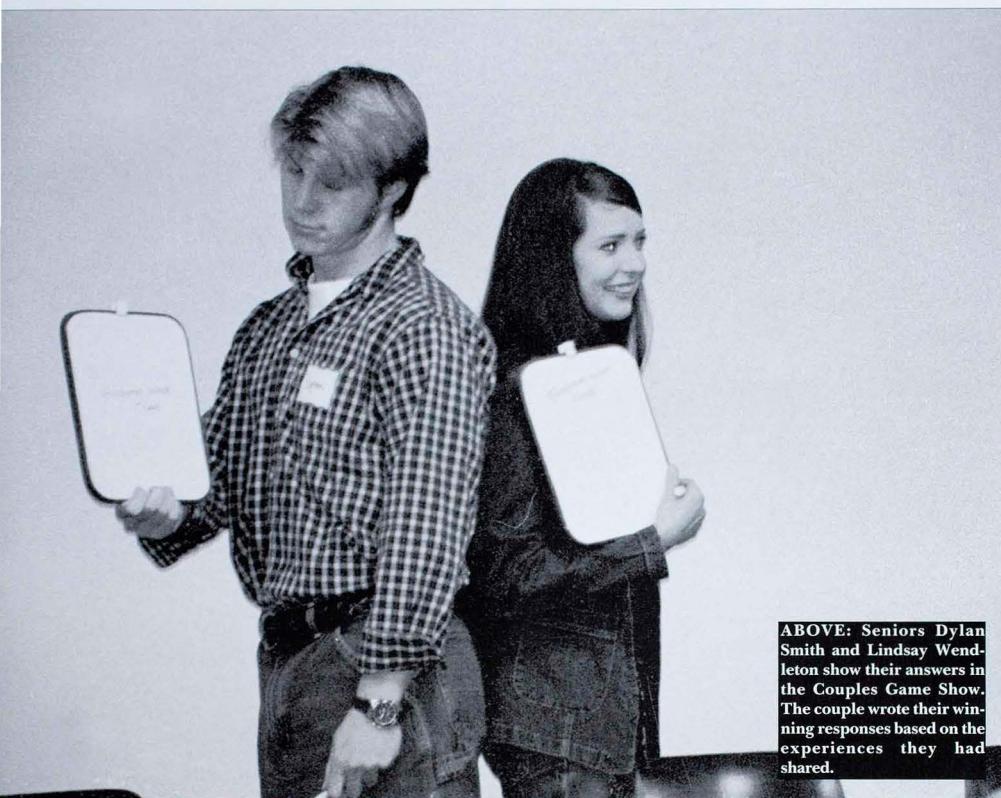
Duff originally came up with the idea, and SAB helped work out all of the details. Duff also selected the two hosts.

"She just asked if we would be willing to do it," Glenn said. "There wasn't really any prep. Duff had it all lined out for us. She briefed us before we went and met with all the contestants."

Duff would like this event to become annual, and Glenn had some tips if the game were to continue.

"I think that it was a really big success, but I think next time cut down on couples immediately, so you can go through each of the rounds completely with everybody, and maybe start off with smaller number of points, so that they have less to wager and maybe more to lose," Glenn said.

Couples, after an hour and a half of being tested, walked away either confident in their knowledge of each other or knowing they needed to keep learning.



ABOVE: Seniors Dylan Smith and Lindsay Wendlton show their answers in the Couples Game Show. The couple wrote their winning responses based on the experiences they had shared.

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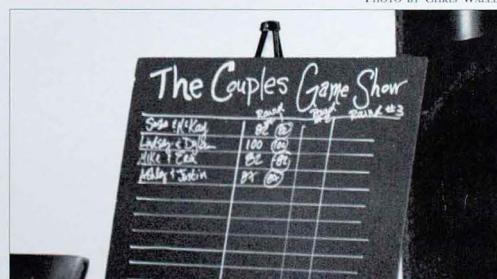


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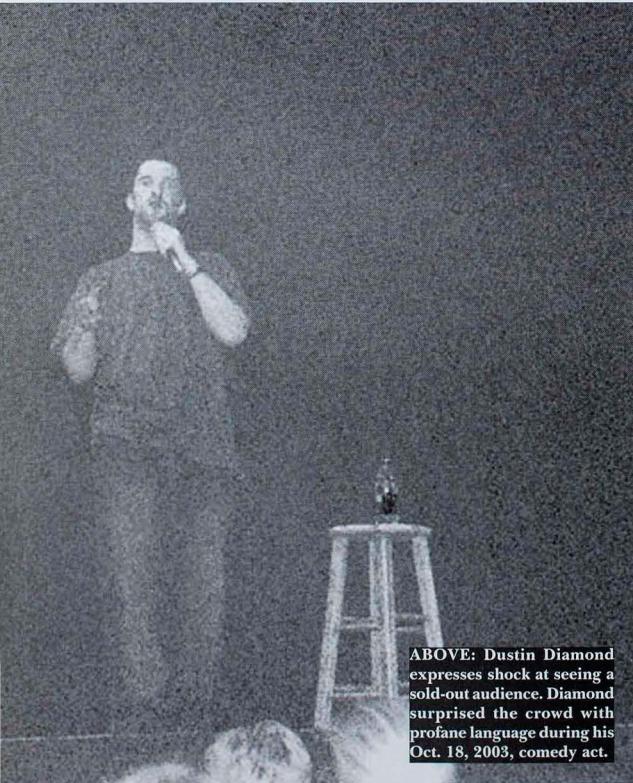
ABOVE: The running scores keep the audience and contestants posted. The total scores were added together, and the top-four couples took home prizes.

LEFT: Senior Marty Glenn asks couples to reveal their answers about their significant other. Glenn and co-host, senior Doug Verby, asked a series of questions that demonstrated each couple's compatibility.

# discovering diamond

BY SARA OLINGER  
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A squeaky voice, extremely curly hair and cheesy jokes perfectly described the character of Samuel "Screech" Powers, the lovable geek that made "Saved By the Bell" a lasting television classic. Dustin Diamond



ABOVE: Dustin Diamond expresses shock at seeing a sold-out audience. Diamond surprised the crowd with profane language during his Oct. 18, 2003, comedy act.

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showed Truman State University on Oct. 18, 2003, the grown-up man behind the character whose bug collection and obsession with Lisa Turtle still brought smiles to many faces through syndicated television.

Diamond performed his stand-up comedy act to a sold-out house of students and community members in Baldwin Auditorium. Sophomore Rachel Spavone, Student Activities Board event chairwoman, said SAB thought the recognition of Diamond's name would attract a large crowd.

"Saved By the Bell" is on [television] twice a day, and everyone knows Screech," Spavone said. "So that's why we thought people would want to come."

Diamond said he agreed that a huge part of his appeal to the college audience came from the fact that they grew up watching him on "Saved By the Bell." He said students usually expressed mixed reactions to his comedy act.

"I think some people always get shocked because they expect that I'm going to be Mr. Squeaky Clean, and they don't want change," Diamond said. "They want to see me up there as Screech."

Diamond said other students expected him to adopt the Screech character during his routine but were pleasantly surprised when he presented more adult-oriented humor.

"It just depends," Diamond said. "Some places want squeaky clean. Some places want really raunchy. I'm just here to give whoever booked me what they want."

The format for Diamond's performance at the University included an informal question and answer session and a commentary on the business side of Hollywood mixed with some "Saved By the Bell" humor. The subjects of his comedy routine ranged from celebrities and bathroom talk to references about college life. Diamond also met with fans after his show to sign autographs, pose for pictures and sell "Saved By the Bell" scripts.

Some students preferred the "Saved By the Bell" comedy to Diamond's adult jokes.

Junior Stephanie McElwee said that before the show she did not expect Diamond to talk about "Saved By the Bell" at all.

"I was glad he did because that's what we all grew up watching," McElwee said. "And that's why I came because it's like a part of our generation."

McElwee said she enjoyed Diamond's performance overall but thought that he talked too much about the process he went through to get the role of Screech on "Saved By the Bell."

"If he'd just said little bits about ['Saved by the Bell'], it would have been fine," McElwee said. "But he just talked too much about it."

Junior Mathew Robertson also said he thought Diamond talked about serious subjects longer than he should have.

"I think he was a little bit too much of the discussion type, a little less just go out and be funny," Robertson said.

He said the "Saved By the Bell" jokes were one of his favorite parts of the act.

"It was funny when [Diamond] dogged on the show, cause granted he was in it for 10 years, but he still made fun of it," Robertson said.

Sophomore Ryan Hudnall had a different reaction to the performance. Hudnall said he did not like that Diamond revealed the real person with real problems behind the innocent television character of Screech.

"I really liked Screech, but I guess this show kind of tarnished my view of him," Hudnall said. "I kind of had this perfect little icon."

Hudnall said he enjoyed Diamond's "Saved By the Bell" references and a few of his other jokes.

"I really liked when he talked about Screech, but I also really liked the booger jokes," Hudnall said.

Reactions to the performance remained varied, but Diamond allowed audience members to step back for a few moments and remember what it was like to share a Saturday morning with Zack, Kelly, Slater, Lisa, Jessie, and most importantly, Screech.

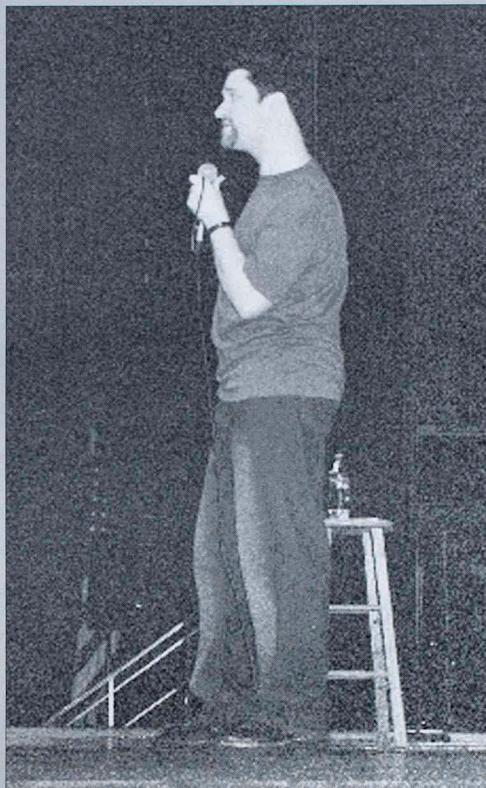


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**ABOVE:** Dustin Diamond cracks a joke, causing Baldwin Auditorium to fill with laughter. Diamond beat out thousands to get the role of Screech in the television show "Saved By the Bell."

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# eating conveniently

BY KAREN SCHWARTZTRAUBER

STAFF WRITER

Many Truman State University students did not eat three balanced meals per day, but this may have been an economically-sound decision for those with University meal plans in 2003-2004.



**ABOVE:** Senior Elizabeth Higgins purchases a soda in the C-Store, which allows students to buy grocery items with cash or meal plans. The store operated from 7:30 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the weekend.

Students who ate the recommended three meals a day and used the new meal plans often found themselves without meals by the end of the semester. This was because the largest plan available did not cover three meals every day. The plan assumed that the majority of students would not eat all three meals every day on campus.

To create the new meal plans, the University actively sought proposals for a new and improved meal plan. This occurred every five years, and in spring 2003, a food advisory committee surveyed students on what they thought the best elements of a new meal plan would include. Survey results showed that University students wanted to try a block meal plan as opposed to the weekly meal plan they previously used.

"With the food advisory committee and the food distribution companies that were considered, we put together what the students wanted," Sodexho director Dennis Markeson said.

The committee's final decision included a block meal plan that combined dining dollars with actual meals. Dining dollars allowed students to purchase additional meals or non-meal items.

Students could also choose from three different meal plans each semester with the new dining program. The largest plan included 225 meals and 50 dining dollars. The next largest plan offered 175 meals with 100 dining dollars, and the smallest plan offered 150 meals with 150 dining dollars.

The variety of meal plans was different from previous campus food programs because the meals that were left unused at the end of the week did not disappear. Instead, students could accumulate meals and use them throughout the semester.

"I like this meal plan better, because in past years, if you didn't use all of your meals, you would lose them," sophomore Matt Kemp said. "It's nice to be able to use each meal."

Those who used the new meal plans found them to be confusing at first. However, once students discovered

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how the dining dollars and meals could be spent together, many thought the new plan was an improvement from previous plans.

University students could use their meals toward items in Mainstreet Market or products in the C-store, which was a convenience store located in Fair Apartments. Each regular meal was worth about \$3.

Dining dollars also provided students with extra money. The new system gave students an opportunity to use meal plans to their full potential.

"It's really nice because you get a lot for your money," junior Kristina Haas said. "I didn't use all of my meals at first, but by the end of the semester, I was able to buy a bunch of food items. Plus, I can get smoothies whenever I want to."

The University made many other changes to help improve the campus food system. The new plan added different restaurants, such as the Sky Ranch Grill in Mainstreet Market and Freshens in the SUB Down Under. Sky Ranch offered items like hamburgers and cheese sticks while Freshens offered items like ice cream and smoothies.

The C-store was another improvement. Students could buy grocery items such as milk, soda, bread and snack foods in the new store.

"The C-store is really nice to go to when you only need a few groceries," freshman Joe Brenner said. "It saves me from having to drive to other grocery stores away from campus."

The food advisory committee constantly looked for more ways to please students. Most students did not use up their meal plans. Those who did not use up their entire meal plan could use the extra meals and dining dollars for everything from Christmas dinners sold at Mainstreet Market to cereal that could be bought at the C-store.

"We try to satisfy at least 95 percent of the students," Markeson said. "This isn't always easy with so many people. However, so far this new plan has made a positive impact."



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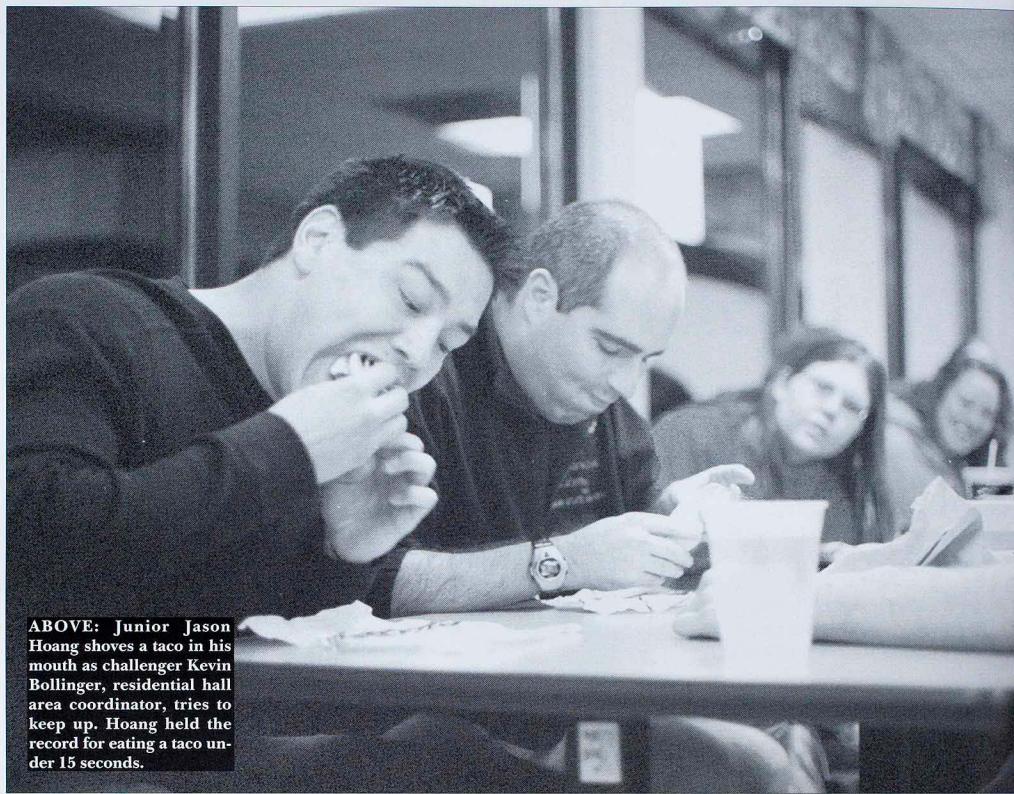
ABOVE: Sophomore Danielle Norment purchases bottled water in Mainstreet Market. Mainstreet offered students convenience items throughout the day, not just during normal meal times.

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ABOVE: Junior Jason Hoang shoves a taco in his mouth as challenger Kevin Bollinger, residential hall area coordinator, tries to keep up. Hoang held the record for eating a taco under 15 seconds.

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ABOVE: A soft-shell taco waits to be eaten. A regulation taco consisted of meat, cheese and lettuce.

RIGHT: Kevin Bollinger, residential hall area coordinator loses a taco-eating contest against junior Jason Hoang. Competitors had to eat every food particle to win.

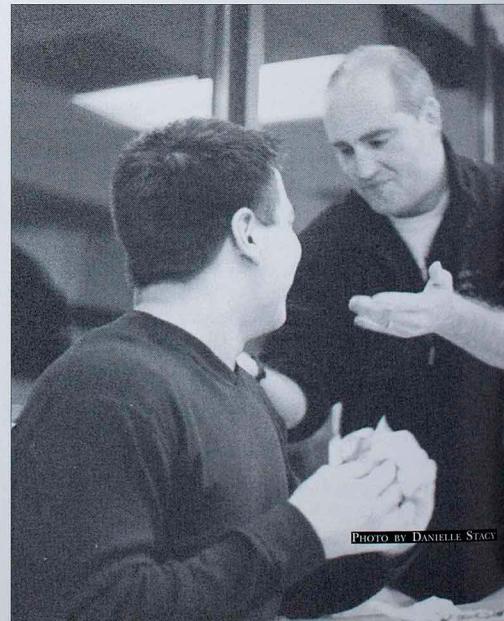


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# ‘bout tacos

BY JILL KASPARIE  
STAFF WRITER

People dining at the Kirksville Taco Bell every other Sunday night frequently heard the phrase, "One soft-shell taco comin' right up!" This was the meeting place for the Taco Bell Bouts, a friendly taco-eating competition organized by Truman State University students.

The bouts began Oct. 5, 2003, by juniors Jason Hoang, Justin Meyer, Rod Hoover and Jeremy Griggs. They wanted to make their own group and have meetings just for fun. They decided to follow through with the idea and started a group that met at Taco Bell. Hoang challenged everyone at the first meeting to a taco-eating contest to see who could eat a soft-shell taco the fastest. Hoover accepted the challenge, and the two entered into a speed-eating contest with Meyer as the judge. Hoang won the competition, and a different competitor challenged him after each consecutive win.

What started out as a few guys wanting to have some fun ended up being an event that brought over 20 audience members to watch.

"It started out as five or six people, and now we have a crowd," Meyer said.

The bouts became more organized as more people got involved, so the group decided to build a Web site that included official rules, history and live footage of one of the bouts. According to the rules, competitors had to buy a "regulation" soft-shell taco that included cheese, beef and lettuce. The competitors, however, could prepare it any way they liked. No food particles were allowed to remain on the paper — everything had to be packed inside the taco. Organizers suggested rolling the taco tightly so nothing would fall out. The pieces that fell had to be scooped up and consumed before judges considered the taco finished.

"They eat it until it is gone, and if something falls out, then they have to eat that as well," Meyer said. "Once

they are done eating it all, they have to clean their mouth out. Then they open their mouths and show me their tongue, and I declare the winner."

Hoang, who had the idea to start the competition, had the best record. He ate one soft-shell taco in 15 seconds.

Anyone could play, but the challenger for the next bout had to have been at the previous bout to challenge the winner. Kevin Bollinger, the area coordinator of Ryle Hall, Grim Hall and Dobson Hall, even participated in one of the events.

Hoang said the bouts were very competitive.

"If no one challenges, then we take outside challenges, but we've never had problems finding challengers," Hoang said. "There has always been someone thinking they can take me down."

Many students tried to beat Hoang's eating record and failed.

"I competed against Jason Hoang," junior Kevin Brown said. "I only lost by about a second. I was just behind him."

Hoover was shocked by Hoang's speedy taco-eating skills.

"I was the first one to compete against [Hoang], and at the time I felt like a failure, but then we watched him win six more times in a row," Hoover said.

The Taco Bell Bouts were all about speed, not quantity — the contest started with one taco and ended when the taco was eaten. The reason they competed with just one taco per person was because the group knew most participants would not want to compete if they had to purchase numerous tacos.

Many people had a great time at the events. Competitors had their own strategies on how to eat a soft-shell taco faster than anyone else. The group even had its own lingo, saying such things as "tiggity tight," meaning "rock on" or "cool." Each competitor also received a rapper name. Some examples included Hove, J. Whizzle, Harry G., J. Reezy, Docta' D. and K. Bizzle.



ABOVE: Singer and pianist Ben Folds impresses the crowd with his unique vocal talent while promoting his solo career in Pershing Arena. Folds had been in a band called Ben Folds Five from 1994 to 2000.

PHOTO BY BETH KELLY

# folds sold out

BY JILL KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

**C**heers and shouting came from Truman State University's Pershing Arena upon the much-anticipated arrival of singer Ben Folds on Nov. 7, 2003.

Fans from Kirksville and surrounding areas packed the arena to hear Folds perform. The popular musician said he would play 75 to 90 minutes of music but ended up playing longer than anyone expected.

"It was a really good show and exactly the kind of concert I wanted to see," freshman Beau Mitchell said. "Everyone was really anticipating it, and he had a big following here."

Freshman Katie Hartmann also enjoyed the show.

"He put on an awesome show, and he is extremely talented," Hartmann said.

Students lined up to get their tickets at the Student Activities Board office up to two hours before the tickets went on sale. Tickets cost \$7 for students and \$15 for general admission. Hartmann said most students thought the ticket prices were reasonable and did not complain.

A small communication problem, however, occurred between Folds' agent and the SAB agent who hired the musician.

"When we originally signed the contract, it was in real small print, so we neglected to notice that the ticket prices that we accidentally signed off on were \$0 for students and \$10 for general admission," said junior Chris LeBeau, a concert coordinator. "That was not our original intent."

SAB was worried about losing one of its most important moneymaking functions of the year when it discovered the price problem. Therefore, members withheld selling tickets for a day, hoping that Folds' agent would reconsider the contract.

The agent immediately approved the ticket prices when he discovered that SAB put a hold on ticket sales.

Without the profits from the concert, SAB would not have been able to organize activities for the spring semester.

LeBeau said that in the end, SAB sold 2,700 tickets.

"It was the biggest concert we've ever had by close to 400 tickets sold," LeBeau said. "Last year was the previous largest concert we've had."

SAB members started planning for the concert in April 2003. They researched many different kinds of bands, considered their availability and looked at the price ranges. They also conducted two different types of surveys to get student input about which band should come to the University. Folds was the top choice when SAB put together a slate of eight groups.

The concert was supposed to be a secret until SAB gained publicity rights, but the news got around much earlier than SAB had planned. Inquiring students who heard that Folds might be coming to campus looked on his Web site where it was posted earlier than the SAB announcement. Folds' site confirmed the concert date in mid-July, but it was not announced publicly at the University until the contract later made it official in 2003.

Most students found out about the concert through word of mouth, but SAB also hung hundreds of posters around the University. The group also placed table tents in cafeterias to advertise concert information. Excited fans that wanted memorabilia of the singer tore down many of the posters, though. After students tore down the originals, SAB advertised for the concert by posting simple florescent green fliers that had little collecting value.

Even students who did not know Folds' music very well had a good time at the concert.

"I thought he was amusing, even though I didn't know much of his music," freshman Paige Aberasturi said. "I knew one of his songs that I really liked, and I heard friends say [the concert] would be really awesome."

People passed in and out of our lives everyday. Those around the Truman State University campus left many marks behind, and through small impressions, they made lasting memories.

These individuals amplified the details of many moments. Some looked at the detail and importance of religion in their lives, while others simply noticed the quality of their living accommodations. Some individuals chose to magnify their individuality with unique nicknames, while others chose to stand out with personal tattoos and piercings. Some students affected the Kirksville community by volunteering, while still others made their mark on the University campus or within their own large families.

Whatever the case may have been, every individual at the University stood out through the specific details they chose to express.



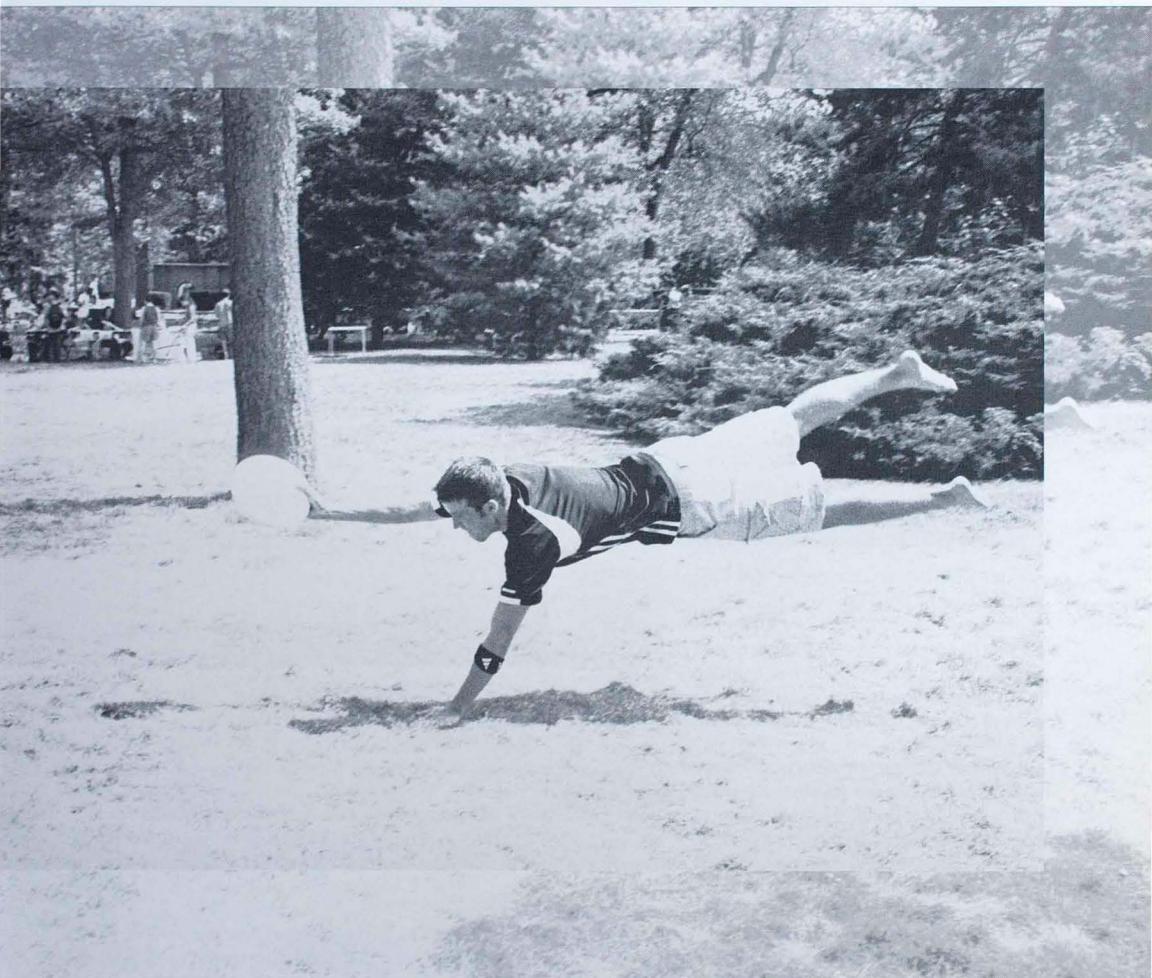


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# People

# In Between Classes

Teachers take time for hobbies

BY SARA PRZYBYLSKI

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It might have been hard to picture professors engaging in activities outside their busy school lives, but some maintained unique and fun hobbies.

Michelle Baier, assistant track coach and instructor of mathematics, did Olympic weightlifting in her spare time. She said it was an enjoyable hobby that helped her keep competitive and in shape.

"I don't really know why I started doing it, probably just because it's fun," Baier said. "I enjoy lifting weights because I like to stay in shape, and it helps me keep my body weight where I want it."

**"[The music I play] expresses what's closest to my heart and what means the most to me."**

**-Kenneth Carter,  
professor of chemistry**

Baier said the track coaches did Olympic lifting to train track and field athletes. Baier learned the lifting techniques with the coach of a former student athlete.

Friends and family were supportive of Baier's hobby and many of them watched her compete.

"My mother has come to watch me compete in meets, and my friends also know I do it and enjoy watching me," Baier said.

Kenneth Carter, professor of chemistry, said his hobby was playing the vagabond travel guitar, a guitar with a lute-like body. He primarily played classical songs and Christian hymns and psalms.

"[The music I play] expresses what's closest to my heart and what means the most to me," Carter said.

Carter said he first started playing the guitar in ninth grade to relieve stress and feelings of unpopularity. One of his parents' students taught him 10 chords and three songs to play, and every day after school he would come home and practice while following his mother around the house. He said she did not mention until years later that it nearly drove her crazy, but she understood his need for alleviating stress, and the practicing paid off.

"It's creating something that's good and that other



ABOVE: Linda Seidel, professor of English, sings at the Golden Spike Bar and Grill karaoke night. Seidel did karaoke at the Dukum Inn and the Golden Spike each week.

PHOTO BY BETH KELLY

people enjoy and can benefit [from]," Carter said. "It does give me a sense of peacefulness."

Linda Seidel, professor of English, enjoyed doing karaoke in her spare time as a way to socialize and practice her singing abilities. She said it started when a friend dragged her to a karaoke night.

Although skeptical at first, Seidel began to change her negative views of karaoke after hearing some good singers, and she realized one night that she wanted to give it a try.

"One night, I was looking through the book of songs, and my eyes landed on an old song from Frank Sinatra," Seidel said. "It was a song that was popular when I was a kid, and I thought, 'well, I can sing that.' So that was my first karaoke song, and after that, I just began to crave having a microphone in my hand."

Seidel made a compact disc with her songs on it for her father's birthday and hoped to continue singing.

# SENIORS



Elizabeth Abram.....Lee's Summit, Mo.  
 Sharice Adkins.....Foristell, Mo.  
 Akhil Ahuja.....Noida, India  
 Katherine Allen.....Chesterfield, Mo.  
 Katie Anderson.....Lee's Summit, Mo.

Chris Arnone.....Kirksville, Mo.  
 Rubuyath Bahar.....New York, N.Y.  
 Michael Barberick.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Thomas Barnowski.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 James Baskett.....Chillicothe, Mo.

Bernadette Batliner.....Lee's Summit, Mo.  
 Libby Beilsmith.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Jessica Berger.....Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Jason Bertram.....Manchester, Mo.  
 Melissa Bevel.....Florissant, Mo.

Sandi Biszantz.....Lawrence, Kan.  
 Darren Blosser.....Liberty, Mo.  
 Jennifer Bordogna.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Sarah Borton.....Creve Coeur, Mo.  
 Raven Bowser.....Fort Meade, Md.

Brandi Brown.....Camdenton, Mo.  
 Kelly Brown.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Kerry Burd.....Graff, Mo.  
 Jami Burns.....St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Nathan Calkins.....Rosebud, Mo.

Shureka Cannon.....Aurora, Ill.  
 Elizabeth Carpenter.....Cameron, Mo.  
 Hannah Casillo.....Greenwood, Mo.  
 Harry Cecil.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Andrew Chambers.....Wildwood, Mo.

Nick Cloud.....Chesterfield, Mo.  
 Jennifer Comrie.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Stephanie Creed.....Indian Head Park, Ill.  
 Jeremy Crenshaw.....Des Moines, Iowa  
 Traci Daffer.....Blue Springs, Mo.

Yolanda Dale.....Florissant, Mo.  
 Fici Damayanti.....Indonesia  
 Lashea Davis.....Oak Park, Ill.  
 Lekesha Dean.....Markham, Ill.  
 Aaron Decker.....Peru, Neb.

Kelly Doherty.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Kristin Dressel.....Lake Zurich, Ill.  
 Brendan Duede.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Jessica Duggan.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Elizabeth Ebers.....St. Louis, Mo.



**BELOW:** President Barbara Dixon sits on the Baldwin Auditorium stage during her installment ceremony Nov. 14, 2003. Dixon was the University's first female president.

# The Dixon Era

## *President Barbara Dixon puts new plans into action*

PHOTO BY AMY ORTEGA

**BY PEGGY AMOR**  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

**B**arbara Dixon became the 14th Truman State University president after a nationwide search of candidates. She outmatched other finalists with her qualifications and interest, and many thought the University made the right decision when Dixon took office.

Dixon came to the University after working for six years at State University of New York Geneseo, a school that had been referred to as the Truman State University of the New York system. The universities were similar in size and had comparable philosophies toward a selective liberal arts education.

Dixon decided to only leave her chief academic officer position at Geneseo if she found her ideal job. Then she saw the University's advertisement for a new president.

"What I knew about it on paper was that it was certainly not an opportunity that I was going to pass up trying," she said.

Dixon officially became the first female president of the University in July 2003.

"I'm delighted that we have a woman president," said Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs. "It's been a long time coming, and it's a good thing to have happen for the institution."

The transition to the University and the Kirksville community marked Dixon's first year in office, and she wasted no time getting down to business.

Dixon wanted to learn a lot about the University as quickly as possible. She studied its Web site and faculty directories to help make connections to those she met.

"I think she could have a successful dialogue with

anybody from any walk of life," said senior Micah McKay, 2002-2003 Board of Governors student representative.

Dixon dealt with the state legislature on behalf of the University. She also tackled enrollment issues early.

"She's been aggressive in a positive way instead of waiting for enrollment to become some kind of crisis," Gordon said.

Enrollment had been declining for several years prior to Dixon's presidency, and she quickly started the search for a consulting firm to look at the University's admissions and recruitment programs.

The president's role had a clear advantage to Dixon's previous position in that she had more student contact.

"It's added back to my life that I'm having the same fun occasionally being with the students as I did when I first started teaching," Dixon said.

Dixon spoke to students in all kinds of settings, from lunch in the Mainstreet Market and football games to formal meetings with student organizations.

Dixon also said that living in a small town in the Midwest was like going back to her roots.

"I knew I could be comfortable living in a small town," she said.

She spent most of her life in small towns, growing up in a town of 1,000 in Michigan. Her first job was in a town of 20,000, and she spent six years prior to that working in a town of 7,000 in western New York.

Dixon's transition to Kirksville was smooth, and she quickly found a place to get her favorite summer treat.

"I have a favorite spot — that's Crumbles & Cream," Dixon said. "Pralines and cream is my favorite flavor."

Dixon described her transition to Missouri as easy.

"I think the hills to climb are going to be there in the future," Dixon said.



ABOVE: President Barbara Dixon greets Pete Kendall, head tennis coach, and Lawrence Scully, head baseball coach, at her open house Dec. 10, 2003. The open house allowed Dixon to socialize with University faculty and staff members.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON

“ It’s added back to my life that I’m having the same fun occasionally being with the students as I did when I first started teaching.

-President Barbara Dixon

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BELOW: President Barbara Dixon sits at her piano before guests arrive for her open house. Dixon graduated from the University of Colorado-Boulder with a doctorate degree in music.



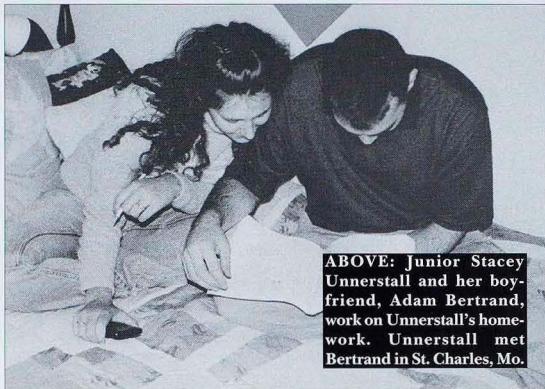
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## Did You Know...

- Dixon began her career as a music teacher.
- She spent 27 years at Michigan State University (East Lansing) before moving to Geneseo, N.Y., where she was a chief academic officer for six years.
- The University provided Dixon with a University residence, house cleaning services, a vehicle and Sodexho Marriott’s catering service when she entertained guests.

# Distance Separates Love

*Long-distance relationships make students' hearts grow stronger*



**ABOVE:** Junior Stacey Ungerstall and her boyfriend, Adam Bertrand, work on Ungerstall's homework. Ungerstall met Bertrand in St. Charles, Mo.

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BY AIMEE GREGOR

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students faced many challenges during the year, but one in particular was hard to overcome. Some Truman State University students made long-distance relationships work despite classes and busy schedules.

Senior Lindsey Ehret said she was a stronger, more independent person because of her long-distance relationship. Her boyfriend, Justin, was in Afghanistan for six months following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He returned to the United States in March 2003, but the couple only saw each other once a month.

"I'm happy to know that he is back in the United States and safe again," Ehret said. "We still don't see a whole lot of one another, but for now, you have to appreciate the few times you have together."

Junior Christina Blose and her boyfriend, Nihad, had been together for six years. Nihad attended a community college three hours away,

but the couple was still doing great in 2003. Blose said Nihad always told her that if it was true love, they would make it work.

"We both have to make huge compromises," Blose said. "It's hard, but well worth it."

Junior Colleen McLaughlin had been with her boyfriend, Kevin, for three years. Both were from the Kansas City area, and Kevin attended Emporia State University. McLaughlin said she saw Kevin twice a semester and on holidays.

"We make it a point to talk on the phone or online several times a week about what we are up to," McLaughlin said.

Ehret said she and her boyfriend had a mutual understanding about the importance of school.

"We're working hard for our personal goals and understand that we cannot be together right now, but we know in the future we will be in the same place," Ehret said. "Keeping really busy helps, too."

None of the couples wished to be in a long-distance relationship. They said that it was difficult to balance school, jobs and extracurricular activities in addition to a long-distance relationship.

"I get more done since he is not here all the time to distract me, but other than that, there is no positive aspect," Blose said.

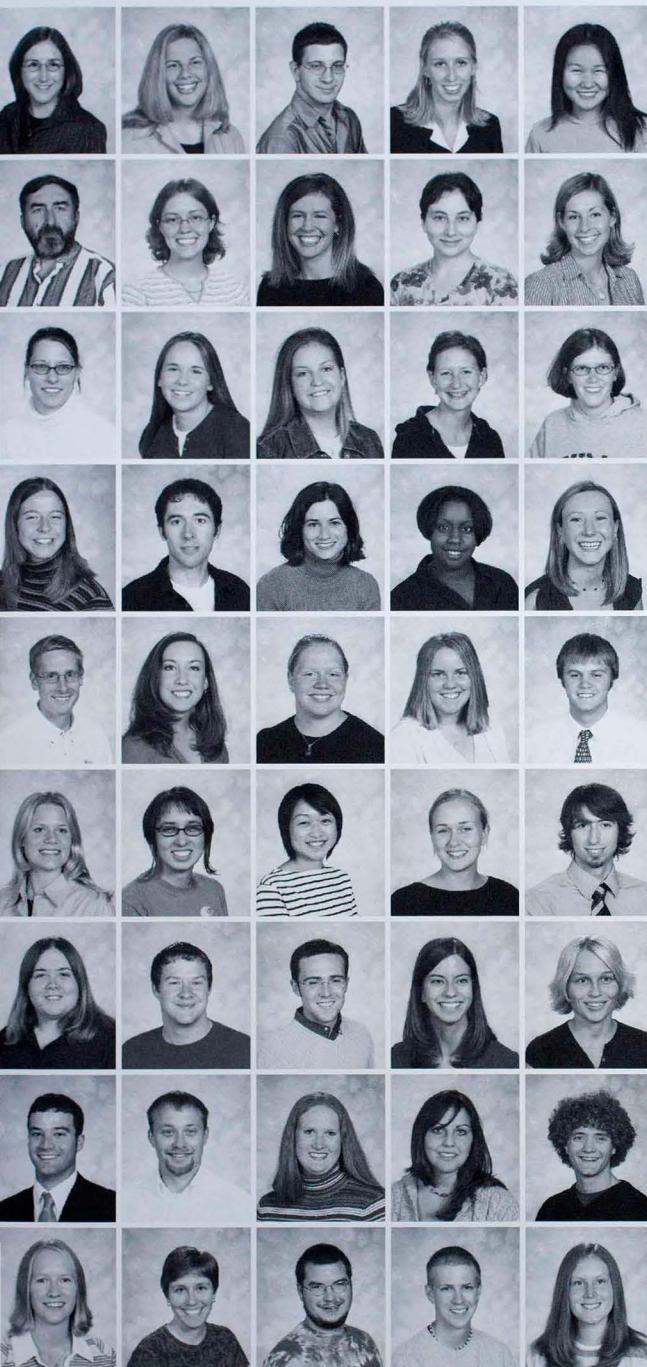
Visiting each other helped to overcome challenges. Blose felt it was important to see her boyfriend as often as possible.

"We switch off every two weeks to drive to where the other person is," Blose said.

It took a lot of effort for many people to make their relationships work, but they also thought the challenges were well worth it.

"We're in it for the long haul, so we know that it will all turn out okay in the end," Ehret said.

# SENIORS



Julie Emmett.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Bridgett Evers.....St. Peters, Mo.  
 Raymond Feilner.....Fenton, Mo.  
 Becky Fleming.....Savannah, Mo.  
 Irene Francisca.....Jakarta, Indonesia

Lon Frost.....Green City, Mo.  
 Jennifer Fuller.....Grandview, Mo.  
 Kathryn Funk.....Kirkwood, Mo.  
 Dianne Galanos.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Jennifer Galle.....Florissant, Mo.

Danielle Gant.....Leslie, Mo.  
 Nicole Geisendorfer.....LaGrange, Mo.  
 Julie Gerecke.....Jackson, Mo.  
 Shawna Gewin.....Cosby, Mo.  
 Erin Gibeson.....Kansas City, Mo.

Lisa Gilbert.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Alexander Gillette.....Kirkville, Mo.  
 Kathryn Gilpin.....Iowa City, Iowa  
 Faith Givan.....Broadview, Ill.  
 Ellen Goedeker.....Ballwin, Mo.

Richard Goering.....Agency, Iowa  
 Maria Gonzalez.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Caris Greife.....Washington, Mo.  
 Katelyn Griner.....Webster, Iowa  
 Shawn Guethle.....Dexter, Mo.

Anne Gumbel.....Sedalia, Mo.  
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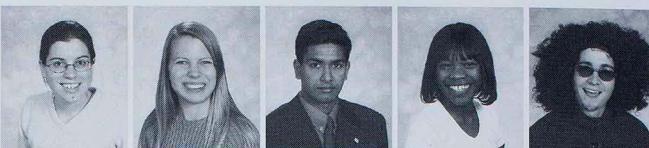
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 Daniel Harden.....Kirkville, Mo.  
 Jane Harrison.....St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Allie Hauser.....Marceline, Mo.

Matt Hawkins.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Matthew Hayes.....Wright City, Mo.  
 Kristen Heidbreder.....Lohman, Mo.  
 Magen Hembree.....Greenfield, Mo.  
 Karl Hendrickson.....Clive, Iowa

Tanya Hentges.....Freesburg, Mo.  
 Jennifer Hertlein.....Washington, Mo.  
 Jonathan Hoffman.....Bellflower, Mo.  
 Dustijn Hollon.....Milan, Mo.  
 Emily Holm.....Kansas City, Mo.

# SENIORS

Maggie Holt.....Dutzow, Mo.  
 Rebecca Holtane.....Arlington Heights, Ill.  
 Mohammed Hossain.....Ocean City, Mo.  
 Elizabeth House.....Moberly, Mo.  
 Gregory Hudson.....Manchester, Mo.



Elizabeth Huitt.....High Ridge, Mo.  
 Lisa Hustead.....Marceline, Mo.  
 Nicole Huston.....Overland Park, Kan.  
 Chelsey Ilten.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
 Jeremy Irwin.....Chesterfield, Mo.



Amanda Jacobsen.....Wentfield, Mo.  
 Imran Jamal.....India  
 Adrienne Johnson.....Matteson, Ill.  
 Kyle Johnson.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Tara Johnson.....Joliet, Ill.



Yorba Johnson.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Candi Jones.....Oskaloosa, Iowa  
 Lindsay Jones.....Memphis, Mo.  
 Nicole Kellogg.....Moberly, Mo.  
 Beth Kelly.....Lee's Summit, Mo.



Peter Kelsey.....Sibley, Mo.  
 Xander Kennedy.....Warrensburg, Mo.  
 Matt Kettmann.....Chesterfield, Mo.  
 Cynthia Khan.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Corey Koch.....Kirksville, Mo.



Brandie Koenig.....Perryville, Mo.  
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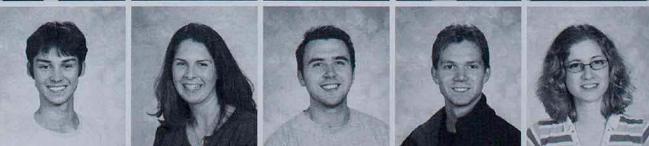
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Jenise Lichtenegger.....Jackson, Mo.  
 Sarah Linke.....Blue Springs, Mo.  
 Jessica Lowe.....Brighton, Iowa  
 Marcie Manns.....Pacific, Mo.  
 Charissa Manuat.....Jacksonville, Ill.



Trevor Marlow.....Columbia, Mo.  
 Rachel Martin.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Steve Martinez.....Florissant, Mo.  
 Tod Matis.....Belleville, Ill.  
 Theresa Mayo.....Yorkville, Ill.



# Cleaning Up the Halls

## Keeping house and community

BY BRIAN GAFFNEY

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many freshmen were thankful for Truman State University residence hall housekeepers when they first saw their spotless rooms. Residents appreciated the help housekeepers gave during move-in days as well as their efforts throughout the year.

Housekeepers usually worked 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, in University residence halls.

Carol Holt was a weekend floater, working the weekend shifts wherever she was needed, plus three weekdays. Holt said she did not see a difference in tidiness from hall to hall and felt that University students were pretty clean in general.

"The kids seem very appreciative," Holt said. "Some of them will go out of their way to thank you."

Tina Hines was a housekeeper who worked the third and fourth floors of Dobson Hall.

Both Holt and Hines had children of their own. Holt had two boys, 22 and 26, and Hines had a 9-year-old daughter. They joked that the University "kids" were angels when compared to some of the messes their own kids created at home.

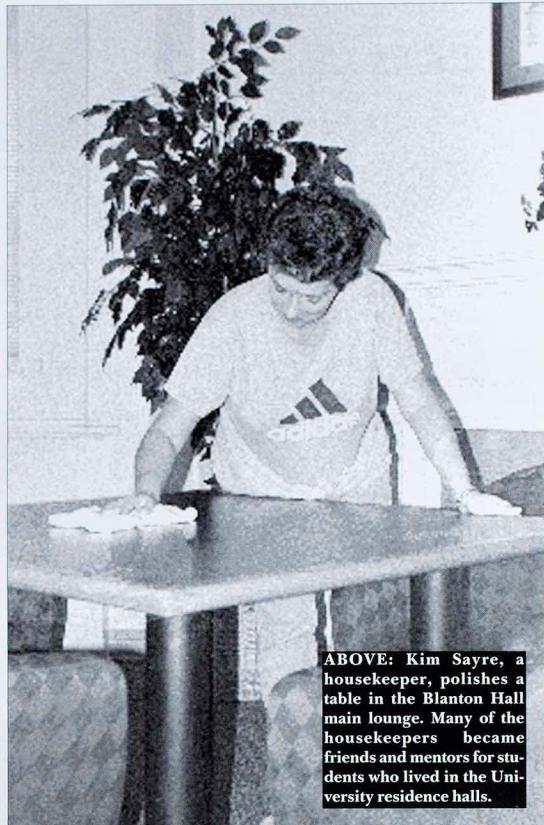
Facilities co-supervisor Tim Maize said the students and housekeepers always seemed to form a bond and learned to respect each other. Maize looked for people that would work well around the student population

"The kids seem very appreciative. Some of them will go out of their way to say thank you.  
-housekeeper Carol Holt"

when considering a new housekeeper. He managed 20 housekeepers.

Maize had worked for the University for 14 years. He said that like most jobs, he saw bad days at work, but then he had other days when he would not give up his job for anything.

One housekeeper extended beyond the environment of community kitchens, bathrooms and computer labs. Vicki Falls cleaned a beautiful two-story brick house one block off campus on Halliburton Street each Monday and Thursday. The resident of this estate,



ABOVE: Kim Sayre, a housekeeper, polishes a table in the Blanton Hall main lounge. Many of the housekeepers became friends and mentors for students who lived in the University residence halls.

PHOTO BY LAURA BLAKEY

University President Barbra Dixon, was often not home but left chocolate as a thank-you gift.

Falls also cleaned the offices inside University residence halls. She got to know a lot of students, which was her favorite part of the job. Falls often found herself giving out advice. Students that got to know her came to her to talk about school, family and relationships.

Senior student adviser Janice Bunch had a sincere appreciation for her housekeepers, who took care of the second floor of Dobson Hall. She said they came by to say hello almost every morning.

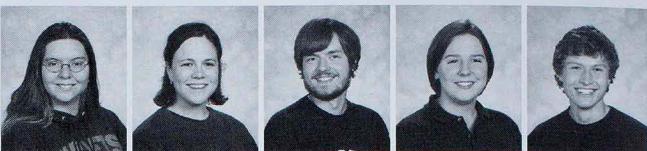
"They're really wonderful people, and they take care of us," Bunch said.

Bunch said residents made life-size cards and trail mix for housekeepers in recognition of Housekeeper Appreciation Week in November 2003.

Hines said it was hard as the spring semester ended and students fizzled out of the dorms because she had grown attached to them. However, Maize said sometimes University graduates came back to visit and often looked up their old housekeeper to catch up and reminisce.

# SENIORS

Jennifer McDole.....Lee's Summit, Mo.  
 Laura McGranahan.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Micah McKay.....Independence, Mo.  
 Anna McNay.....Kirksville, Mo.  
 Neil Meredith.....Jefferson City, Mo.



Jill Meyer.....Conception Junction, Mo.  
 Chris Miller.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Amy Mitchell.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Brandi Moeller.....Independence, Mo.  
 Morgan Moody.....St. Louis, Mo.



Niki Moore.....Bowling Green, Mo.  
 Rubin Moore.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Ruqayya Muhammad.....Lyn Wood, Ill.  
 Sarah Mulford.....Fenton, Mo.  
 Yoshie Nakai.....Ichikawa Chiba, Japan



Ronald Nelson.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Jessica Nettles.....Lake St. Louis, Mo.  
 Alisha Newman.....Labadie, Mo.  
 April Newman.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Stephanie Nigus.....St. Charles, Mo.



Susan Nixon.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Becky O'Dea.....Bloomington, Ill.  
 Adedoyin Okunrinboye.....Kirksville, Mo.  
 Gretchen Ott.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Kukhee Park.....Kirksville, Mo.



Preethi Parmar.....Karnataka, India  
 Nicole Pender.....Blue Springs, Mo.  
 Andrew Phillips.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Michael Pippenger.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Natalie Preston.....Ballwin, Mo.



Katherine Ramatowski.....Florissant, Mo.  
 Atirek Ratan.....Sharjah, India  
 Robert Ready.....Clive, Iowa  
 Elizabeth Redmon.....Kirksville, Mo.  
 Lindsey Record.....Lenexa, Kan.



Leah Reschly.....Kirksville, Mo.  
 Lukas Rhoads.....Tipton, Mo.  
 Paya Rhodes.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Charity Richardson.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Malissa Riehl.....Kansas City, Mo.



Jill Roberts.....Macon, Mo.  
 Alicia Robinett.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Julie Rogers.....Bland, Mo.  
 Katie Rose.....Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 Amanda Rutherford.....Cairo, Mo.



# Fortunes Give Guidance

*Students seek answers in alternative places*

BY BERNADETTE BATLINER

ORGANIZATIONS EDITOR

Some students read into their lives and the lives of others with the help of tarot cards or the lines on the palm of a hand. Students usually used these methods for pure interest, but sometimes they used these methods for self-help.

"I was interested in [reading palms] because somebody told me something about it, and I wanted to know if it really worked," senior Sabira Arefin said.

Senior Katie Rose said reading tarot cards was an inexpensive form of counseling.

"For me, it's kind of like therapy because in my subconscious I know these questions are bothering me," Rose said. "You have your cards out, and they bring trouble that's kind of been just bubbling under the surface up to the top. You can look at them. You can think about what's been going on ... It helps a lot of people, I think, put things in perspective."

She also said that although people could receive negative readings with tarot cards, they would not receive horrible predictions.

"Anyone who gives you a reading like 'Oh, you're going to die' or something like that is full of bullshit," Rose said. "There are negative cards, but there's nothing like 'You're going to get attacked by an aardvark' or 'Your boyfriend's going to leave you' or anything like it. It's what you make of it."

Tracy Mullins, residential living housing clerk, said Arefin did not predict events for her future while reading the lines on her palm.

"[Palm reading is] basically talking about your traits and things about you, and a lot of the things she did tell me about myself were true," Mullins said.

One of the things Arefin told her was that she was very independent. Arefin thought this was a weakness in the cards.

"I'm very independent to the point where I'm insanely independent," Mullins said. "But you know, you could say that about anybody."

Arefin also doubted the reality behind palm reading.

"Most of the people [whose palms I read] know that it's not real. They don't really believe in it," Arefin said. "Nobody takes it seriously, and I don't take it seriously either."

After having her cards read a few times, senior Sarah Rutherford described the consistency of the predictions.

"Sometimes it does fit," Rutherford said. "So, you're kind of like, 'wow.' But it's not creepy. It's not like

there's any kind of mystic power going on. It's more of a coincidence."

Rose had suspicions about how well tarot cards worked, despite her involvement with them.

"As much as I don't believe that it's magic, sometimes it's very eerie," Rose said. "It's like the Ouija board. In the commercial, the people were like, 'Oh my God, this isn't real. But wait, are you moving it?' It's kind of like that. I mean, there's definitely something bizarre going on."

**"** [Palm reading is] basically talking about your traits and things about you, and a lot of the things she did tell about myself were true.

-Tracy Mullins,  
residential living housing clerk

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ABOVE: Senior Sabira Arefin reads senior Jill Meyer's palm. Palmreading involved examining the details of the lines on the hand and the shape of the palm to interpret someone's life.

# Important Affairs

*Garry Gordon explains his job*

BY PEGGY AMOR  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

**G**arry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs—his name and office appeared on countless forms and awards, from withdrawal slips to GPA honor lists. Few students, however, had a clear idea of what Gordon's office actually did.

"I think a lot of people misperceive what happens with the vice president and the office," Gordon said. "I think that sometimes they believe that everything that happens to them somehow is caused by this office, and that's not the case."

Gordon's office handled student issues with classes, professors and grades, but that was not its sole function. A long list of responsibilities and activities fell under Gordon's domain, including scheduling classes,

increasing enrollment and retention, producing course catalogs, managing staff and overseeing faculty senate.

"A lot of people answer to him," said Debbie Schertzer, secretary to the vice president for academic affairs.

Biweekly meetings with the division heads were a regular event for Gordon.

"We discuss issues that are of importance to the academic affairs side of the University," said Heinz Woehlk, language and literature division head. "[Things] such as keeping in mind that the reason we are all here is for the students."

Gordon spent a lot of time working with division heads on issues like having enough seats in Liberal Studies Program courses and building a team atmosphere among division heads. Sharing information and building trust were key parts of the relationship between division heads and Gordon's office.

Gordon said he spent most of his time discussing and working with people during meetings to help fulfill the University's mission of high academic standards in a liberal studies environment.

He also spent a great deal of time corresponding with people. He received between 100 and 200 e-mails each day during peak times, such as the beginning and end of a semester.

"My job is 99.9 percent people," Gordon said.

Gordon accepted a faculty position at the University in 1982 and worked in the art department until January 1997 when he took over the vice president for academic affairs' office.

Gordon, with so many responsibilities, said he often missed interacting with the students.

"That's the one thing that I probably miss most about teaching," Gordon said.

The office's major projects were the budget for academic affairs and hiring both the faculty and support-staff departments.

"The most important thing that I do is participate in hiring faculty," Gordon said. "This is the direct link I have in supporting students."

Overall, Gordon enjoyed his job as an academic affairs leader, and others thought he did it well.

"He is very supportive of the jobs that division heads do and is very much in tune with the needs of the various academic areas of his office," Woehlk said.



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ABOVE: Sophomore Roger Meissen and Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, discuss "Rural and Urban Land Use Views" at the Great Conversation. This event allowed students to interact with faculty outside the classroom.

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 Meaghan Ryan.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Maria Samayoa.....Hazelwood, Mo.  
 Em Sanger.....St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Jennifer Schellman.....St. Thomas, Mo.

Melissa Schierman.....Dittmer, Mo.  
 Eve Schlenk.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Elizabeth Schmidt.....Collinsville, Ill.  
 Jessica Schmidt.....Raymore, Ill.  
 Jessica Schmitz.....Linn, Mo.

Anne Schonhardt.....Manchester, Mo.  
 Dan Sen.....Plymouth, Minn.  
 Mary Shain.....Joliet, Ill.  
 Mandy Sheets.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Kristen Shelver.....Penland, Texas

Morgan Silvey.....St. Peters, Mo.  
 Ashley Smith.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Erin Smith.....Pettendorf, Iowa  
 Jennifer Smith.....Clarksville, Mo.  
 Mackenzie Smith.....Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Ali Soderholm.....Mankato, Minn.  
 Philip Spear.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Matt Spencer.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Sarah Spies.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Sarah St. John.....Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Ben Stewart.....University City, Mo.  
 Ryan Stewart.....University City, Mo.  
 Siobhan Stone.....Florissant, Mo.  
 Katie Storms.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Sarah Teague.....Union, Mo.

Damon Thayer.....Hannibal, Mo.  
 Justin Thomas.....Washington, Mo.  
 Laura Thomas.....Sparta, Ill.  
 Daniel Thompson.....Kirksville, Mo.  
 Tiffany Tiller.....St. Joseph, Mo.

Marc Tower.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Khang Tran.....Hochiminh, Vietnam  
 Natasha Truitt.....Kirksville, Mo.  
 Sarah Trump.....Keamey, Mo.  
 Mei Tung.....Peoria, Ill.

Chris Turner.....Dexter, Mo.  
 Johnny Vines.....Dexter, Mo.  
 Melody Von Engelin.....Boonville, Mo.  
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 Christopher Wang.....St. Louis, Mo.

# Confronting Graduation

Seniors stress about the future

BY LIZ KRAH

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Graduating seniors faced many decisions before receiving their diplomas. Whether searching for a job or going to graduate school, graduation meant moving into the real world.

Truman State University, however, required students to complete a series of tasks to graduate. Requirements included applications, senior seminars, senior tests and a senior portfolio.

Balancing senior requirements with regular coursework was a challenge, and graduating seniors handled their final year at the University in many ways.

Senior Ryan White said he balanced his time between

“Each year you think, ‘These are the hardest classes I could possibly take,’ and each year you mature a little more, work a little harder and know it’s nothing you can’t handle.”  
—senior Morgan Moody

studying and enjoying the company of his friends and fraternity brothers.

“My last semester I will only have about 12 hours, so I’ll probably just unwind and hang out,” White said.

White also tried to get ahead on the job search.

“I knew some people that graduated [May 2003] and spent all summer trying to find a job,” White said. “I want to get a head start on it because I don’t want that to happen to me.”

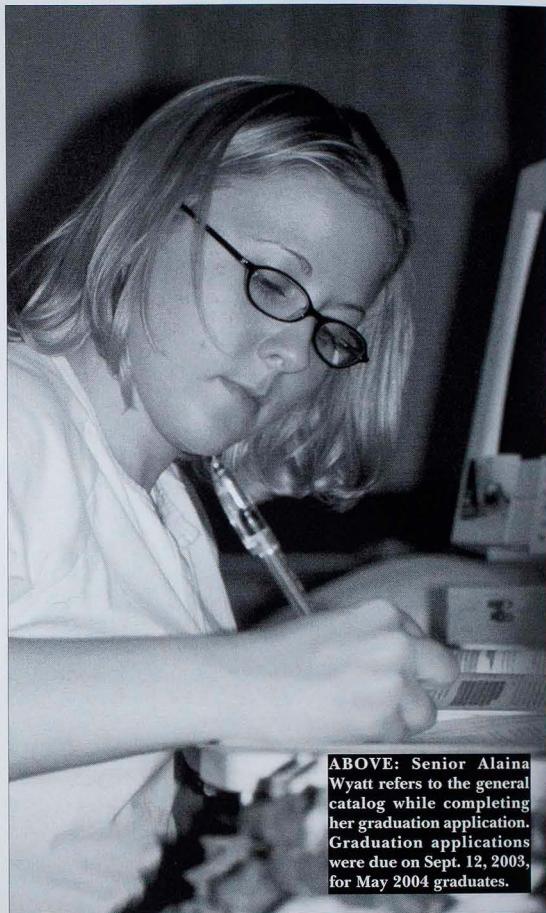
Many students worried about finding a job in the poor economy. Senior Jennifer Starbuck wanted to work for a government agency after graduation.

“Many jobs have been cut and will probably continue to be cut,” Starbuck said. “That has made it somewhat discouraging when looking for a job.”

Going to graduate school was one way to postpone the dreadful job hunt. Many students decided to further their education, which meant staying in school for a few more years.

Senior Shawna Cooper said graduate school was her next move.

“I plan on being in school for another five to six years



ABOVE: Senior Alaina Wyatt refers to the general catalog while completing her graduation application. Graduation applications were due on Sept. 12, 2003, for May 2004 graduates.

PHOTO BY BRANDI MOELLER

so I can get my Ph.D. and possibly go into teaching,” Cooper said. “Hopefully, by then, the economy will be better.”

Some seniors were still unsure of what to do next. Senior Morgan Moody said he was not sure whether he would go to graduate school immediately after graduation or not.

“I’m going to go ahead and take the required tests, but I don’t want to look ahead too far,” Moody said. “I want to focus on finishing this year.”

Moody put off taking his Junior Interdisciplinary Seminar and also took a full schedule of biology and chemistry classes. He did not let the work load stress him out, though.

“Each year you think, ‘These are the hardest classes I could possibly take,’ and each year you mature a little more, work a little harder and know it’s nothing you can’t handle,” Moody said.

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 Melissa White..... Fulton, Mo.  
 Heather Wickham..... St. Louis, Mo.  
 Rachel Wilde..... Hamilton, Ill.  
 James Wilsford..... Kirksville, Mo.

Courtney Wilson..... Willowbrook, Ill.  
 Matthew Wilson..... Independence, Mo.  
 Karyl Winkler..... High Ridge, Mo.  
 Patricia Wojtach..... Twin Lakes, Wis.  
 Amanda Wolf..... Thompson, Mo.

Alaina Wyatt..... Macon, Mo.  
 Dean Yzon..... Kansas City, Mo.  
 Anne Zager..... Webster Grove, Mo.  
 Kimberly Zamastil..... Rochelle, Ill.  
 Adrienne Zeiter..... Fenton, Mo.

Yihong Zeng..... Kirksville, Mo.  
 Leah Zidon..... Bondurant, Iowa

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 Melissa Allen..... Promise City, Iowa

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 Ejikemejwa Anith..... Mushin, Nigeria  
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 Allison Atterberry..... Kirksville, Mo.  
 Jennifer Aubuchon..... O'Fallon, Mo.

Dustin Barnes..... Gurnee, Ill.  
 Kelly Bauer..... Freeburg, Mo.  
 Stacey Berger..... St. Louis, Mo.  
 Jean Bilger..... St. Louis, Mo.  
 Nicole Birdstill..... DeSoto, Mo.

Anton Bogdanov..... Clifton Hill, Mo.  
 Liana Boone..... Chesterfield, Mo.  
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 Kurt Brockman..... Springfield, Mo.  
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 Theodore Camahan.....Manchester, Mo.  
 Brandon Collins.....Langsing, Mich.



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 Amy Coskey.....New Hampton, Mo.  
 Alisha Dalsted.....Brookings, S.D.  
 Katy Davis.....Davenport, Iowa  
 Emily Debert.....Marshall, Mo.

Brennan Delaney.....Oregon, Mo.  
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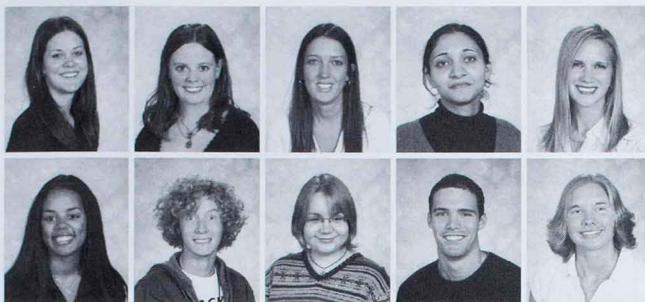
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 Steve Hankins.....Lee's Summit, Mo.  
 Ashley Hanson.....Marengo, Ill.  
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 Justin Hawkins.....St. Louis, Mo.  
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 Arthur Henderson.....Holts Summit, Mo.  
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# No Cooking Required

*Off-campus students find benefits in meal plans*

BY JENNA KEEVEN

STAFF WRITER

Some freshmen longed to live off campus to avoid eating cafeteria food. However, when the time came to do their own cooking off campus, some headed right back to the residential dining halls.

Some students, like junior Brennan Delaney found meal plans to be convenient. His favorite meals were bacon, lettuce and tomato days and the omelet bar on the weekends. Delaney found it easier to go to the dining halls than to cook because of his rugby schedule.

"I play rugby, and when I get off practice, I am pretty tired, and I don't want to cook anything," Delaney said.

Eating in the cafeteria was also a social event. Upperclassmen liked to socialize in the dining hall with other students they did not see as often because they did not live in the residence halls anymore.

"It reminds me of my first couple of years, to be back around the old dorm every once in a while," senior Ty Fagan said. "I also really like how you can eat as much as you want."

Fagan enjoyed the vegetarian meals and frequently ate in the Ryle Hall cafeteria where he had lived his first two years as a student.

The ease of dining hall life did not just entice the nostalgic, though.

"It's easy [to go to the cafeteria]," senior Shawn Guethle said. "I don't have to cook for myself, and I like to sit and talk to people too."

Most upperclassmen did not eat all meals in the cafeteria — they sometimes attempted to cook breakfast and dinner. Students, however,

had a loose definition of cooking.

"I make food a lot, but I wouldn't call it cooking," Fagan said. "I call it more of taking it out of the package."

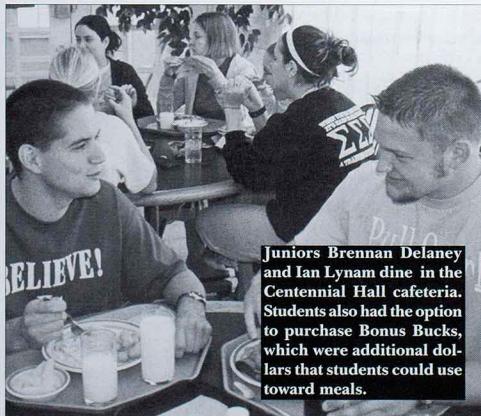
He also said his standards were pretty low, so he enjoyed almost everything. Some items became redundant, though.

"With so many days of Blimpies in a row, it kind of becomes disgusting," Fagan said.

There was some dining hall food that the upperclassmen did not enjoy.

"If I have to ask what it is, it's not good," Delaney said.

All off-campus students could purchase a meal plan from Sodexho Food Services for \$825 per semester. This provided 175 block meals and \$100 for flexible spending at any food-service location on campus.



Juniors Brennan Delaney and Ian Lynam dine in the Centennial Hall cafeteria. Students also had the option to purchase Bonus Bucks, which were additional dollars that students could use toward meals.

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# Teaching Class for Cash

Student teachers reap benefits

BY AMY DEIS

STAFF WRITER

The cost of tuition often overwhelmed many graduate students. Therefore, several chose to make some extra cash by teaching undergraduate classes. These students found teaching one class a week highly beneficial.

Students received an application for student teaching when they applied for acceptance into graduate programs. Key elements to acquiring a graduate teaching/research assistantship were earning good grades, being highly involved in school activities and being overall good students.

"I think those things helped me when the faculty

"[Teaching has] given me a lot more confidence that I do really know what I've learned for the past five years.  
-graduate student Kim Kenny",

and staff got together to choose their graduate students," graduate student Chad Epps said.

Perhaps the greatest benefit the GTRAs received for teaching was a University-paid \$5,000 stipend and up to 18 hours of credit per year. The money was helpful, but graduate students received more than material benefits.

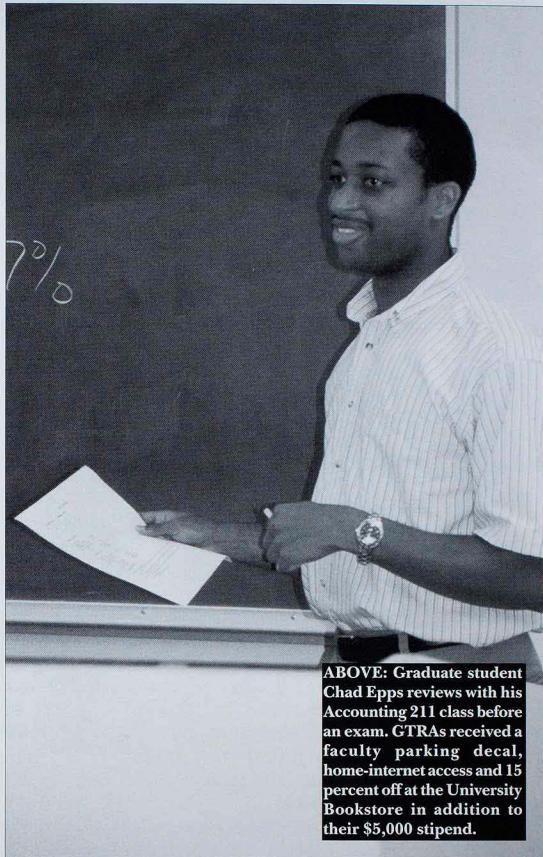
"[Teaching has] given me a lot more confidence that I do really know what I learned for the past five years," graduate student Kim Kenny said. "I do know a lot more than I think."

GTRAs, like other professors, made their own lesson plans. Fortunately, many professors were available to offer the GTRAs advice.

"We were given guidelines about how much time to spend on each topic and all the chapters we should cover," graduate student Lauren Rea said. "All the [professors were] willing to give ideas. Everyone's been very helpful."

The GTRAs also had to plan time to study for their own classes.

"Yes, it's a balancing act," Rea said. "You learn time-



ABOVE: Graduate student Chad Epps reviews with his Accounting 211 class before an exam. GTRAs received a faculty parking decal, home-internet access and 15 percent off at the University Bookstore in addition to their \$5,000 stipend.

PHOTO BY MELISSA ALLEN

management skills very quickly, very well."

Epps said teaching and going to class added a lot of extra hours to his weekly schedule.

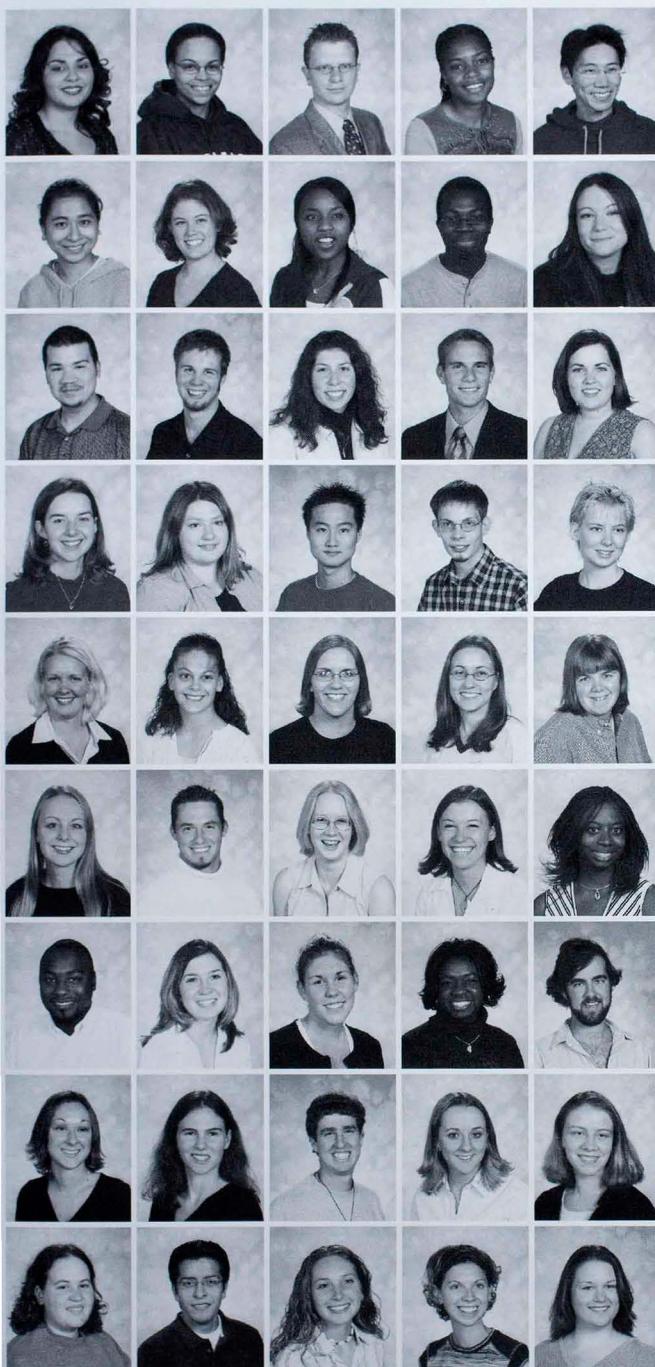
"Taking graduate classes as well as being prepared to teach a class Monday, Wednesday and Friday creates a lot of work," Epps said.

Most GTRAs enjoyed teaching students a few years younger than them.

"It was a little awkward in the beginning," Kenny said. "It's actually kind of comforting feeling that [the students] are on the same level, so when I'm tired or stressing out about having a lot to do, they can relate."

Although most graduate students agreed teaching was rewarding and prepared them for employment after college, some did not want to plunge into a teaching career.

"Probably not as a career because it doesn't pay enough," Epps said. "It's really fun, though, sharing your knowledge with [students] and trying to help them progress in their career at this stage of the game."



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 Makoto Hotta.....Nagano, Japan

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 Katy Igel.....Florissant, Mo.  
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 Shawna Jackson.....Kirksville, Mo.

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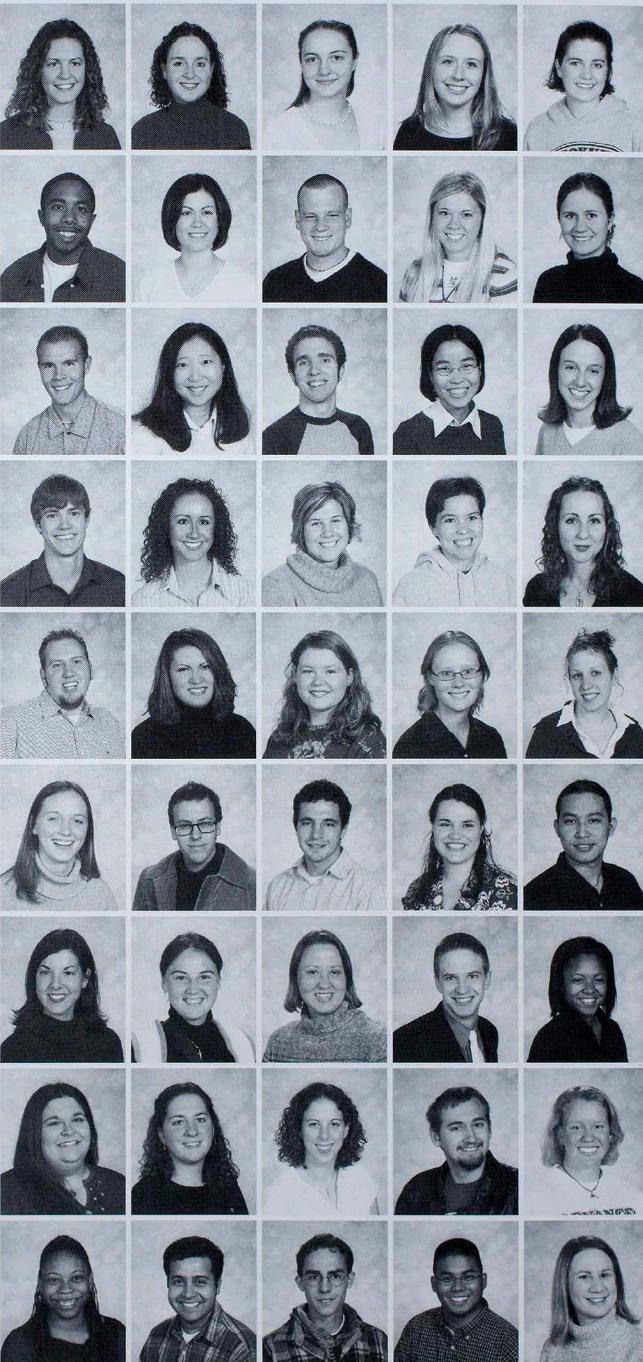
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# Full Homes, Full Hearts

*Students find benefits with large families*

BY JILL KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

**S**tudents looked to quiet weekends at home for time away from roommates and the vigor of class. Not all students found peace at home, however. Some Truman State University students came from enormous families with active, noisy households.

Having numerous brothers and sisters often affected an individual's family life. Senior Richard Goering had 12 siblings to share his experiences with and knew firsthand what it was like to live in a large household. Goering said living with his family definitely had advantages. He always had someone to talk to, someone to help with schoolwork and someone that came before him who would know what to do in any given situation. Goering saw disadvantages as well, such as not having as many material possessions growing up. However, he enjoyed the diversity of his large family.

"I like how unique each of my siblings is," Goering said. "We're a very diverse family."

He said he did not think he would like his family as much if it were smaller. Goering said his parents loved kids and thought the world would be a better place if they had a good family, so his parents did their part.

Senior Diana Steger also loved living in a large family. She shared her space with nine other people. Her siblings ranged in age from three to 26. She said it was hard to pay attention to everyone, especially her younger siblings, whom her parents adopted from Romania.

"At the dinner table, when Julia starts talking, it is hard to sit down and listen to what she says because to us, it is not that important," Steger said. "It is just a long, drawn-out story."

Steger said the worst thing about having a large family was not having an automatic dishwasher for several years.

"I hate cleaning up after dinner," Steger said.

Freshman Sasha Aldrich was the oldest child in her family of 10.

"After the fifth one, every other child after that wasn't a big deal," Aldrich said. "I don't feel like it is a big family."

Aldrich said she always had someone to play with growing up, but getting away from her family during college was liberating. She had looked forward to Family Day, though, because her parents and three youngest siblings came to visit.

Junior Erin Schwend, the oldest of 10 children, did not move far away from her family, which lived in Kirksville.

Schwend's parents liked to stay involved in her college life by meeting her friends.

"Once or twice a month we have a bunch of people over for dinner at my parents' house," Schwend said.

Being the oldest was a challenge for Schwend, but she enjoyed her family.

"[I love] being able to share life with 11 other people and growing older together," she said.

Large families were not a problem for many students, who did not consider themselves different from others.

**" I like how unique each of my siblings is. We're a very diverse family.**

**-senior Richard Goering**



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ABOVE: Senior Richard Goering (left) and his family wait in line at Upward Bound Family Day at Central College (Pella, Iowa). Goering said it was often hard for his family, with 13 children, to gather at one time.

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# By a Different Name

*Identities are revealed through student nicknames*

BY KELLY KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

Coming to Truman State University for many students meant an end to familiar nicknames. Some nicknames, however, managed to stick.

Some students said they received their nickname from friends, relatives and events in life. Most originated in hometowns or schools.

Some of sophomore Marie Ireland's close friends on campus called her "Goosh." Her grandparents called her "Bagoosh" throughout her childhood years. She was talking in a lounge in Ryle Hall during her freshman year one day, and the topic of nicknames surfaced. Ireland told her friend her grandparents called her "Bagoosh," but her friend heard "Magoosh."

"I told her my name was Bagoosh with a B-A, but she heard 'Magoosh,' and it stuck,"

Ireland said.

Ireland's nickname became shortened over time from "Magoosh" to "Goosh." Her close friends at the University eventually used it interchangeably with her real name.

Sophomore Christina Mills had a nickname that the majority of people in her high school knew.

A high school friend gave her the name "Chubs." Mills, the smallest girl in her class, had to read the character of the portly girl in "The Crucible" during her advanced English class in high school.

"[My English class] thought it was quite funny that the skinniest girl in class got the 'biggest' part in the play," Mills said.

She had been known as Chubs ever since.

"I'm sure I will be known by that for the rest of my life," Mills said.

Not everyone had an original name. Some people borrowed nicknames from products. Sophomore Matthew Doellman's Boy Scout friends at home knew him as "Spam."

"It all goes back to when I was searching through my closet when I moved downstairs as a kid and found an old shirt that said 'Spam' on it," Doellman said.

His Boy Scout friends started calling him "Spam" when he wore the royal blue shirt around his hometown and to camp. He also knew all the ingredients in Spam, as well as where and when it was invented.

University students had some pretty unusual nicknames, but they did not seem to mind them.

"I've grown to like it," Mills said. "It's a term of endearment, I guess."

**LEFT:** Sophomore Theresa Roberts leaves a message on sophomore Christy Mills' dry-erase board. Nicknames were found on door decorations and t-shirts all over campus.



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 Natalie Trent.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Lisa Tuggle.....LaPlata, Mo.  
 Almas Tulepov.....Atyrau, Kazakhstan

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 Andy Uecker.....Laredo, Texas  
 Anna Uhlrich.....Raytown, Mo.  
 Stephan Van Ginneken.....San Jose, Calif.  
 Theresa Veile.....Jefferson City, Mo.

Alan Venneman.....Kearney, Mo.  
 Kelly Vogel.....Strasburg, Ill.  
 Mark Vogel.....Pleasant Hill, Mo.  
 Olivia Walter.....Macon, Mo.  
 Crystal Warren.....New London, Mo.

Alyssa Warrick.....Rogersville, Mo.  
 Jason Weber.....Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Janice Weddle.....Mount Ayr, Iowa  
 Eric Werly.....Bonner Springs, Kan.  
 Laura Whitted.....Schaumburg, Ill.

Amy Williams.....Nevada, Mo.  
 Ryan Woods.....Boise, Idaho  
 Elaine Wright.....Springfield, Ill.  
 Olga Yermolenko.....Columbia, Mo.  
 Chi-Wai Yuen.....Hong Kong, China

## JUNIORS

# Making SOIL Home

*Students gain life experiences by living on a farm*

BY DENISE HUFFORD  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Some students would have to look twice if a bull ran past their window, but those living at the Science Outdoor Instructional Laboratory, formerly the University Farm, would just add the task of corralling a runaway bull to their "to do" list.

Most Truman State University students had scholarship jobs that required computer work or filing, but five students received free housing and utilities while living at the SOIL in exchange for working 10.5 hours a week, plus weekends and holidays. Common chores included feeding the cows and horses, cleaning the stalls, repairing tractors, bailing hay and, of course, corralling the occasional loose bull.

Senior Jason Peecher lived at the SOIL, located on the corner of LaHarpe and Boundary Streets, for two years. He worked full time during summer 2002 after a friend told him the SOIL manager was looking for help. Peecher said living far from campus was one of the advantages of living at the SOIL.

"I love living out here," Peecher said. "I grew up on a farm, so it's more like living at home. It gives you a chance to get away from school."

The required physical work was not a problem for Peecher.

"It's a good stress reliever and a good workout," Peecher said.

Senior Michelle Pinney lived at the SOIL during her senior year. She said living there was fun, and she did not mind the work.

"It's quieter, more peaceful here," Pinney said. "It's a really good stress reliever."

Students at the SOIL received their own rooms in a duplex. Women lived on one side, and men lived on the other side. Peecher was the student adviser and received his own bathroom. SOIL residents also had a kitchen, a recreation room, and a washer and dryer.

Pinney said she could not resist the appeal of free room and board. She was also a biology, pre-veterinary

major who wanted to work with large animals. Pinney thought living at the SOIL would be a good opportunity for her.

"I'm going to be in big debt after school, and I had no experience with cattle," Pinney said.

Peecher and Pinney said another advantage of living at the SOIL was the availability of parking spaces. SOIL residents received reserved parking spaces behind their duplex.

Students said living at the SOIL also had its disadvantages, despite the many perks. The SOIL did not have cable television or high-speed Internet, unlike residence halls, and students were not within walking distance of campus. They also said that staying at the SOIL during holidays and weekends was somewhat of a disadvantage.

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**-senior Jason Peecher**

different pastures, taking trash out of the barns, weeding and painting, and then feeding the horses and cattle again around 3:30 p.m. SOIL students spent the rest of the evening eating dinner and doing homework.

It might seem that the SOIL students' academic studies and social life would suffer with such a packed schedule, but both Pinney and Peecher said that was not the case.

"I'm in [Alpha Gamma Rho], which helps," Peecher said. "Plus, you get to meet a lot of people because you work with them."

SOIL manager Bill Kuntz said that living on the farm was a good opportunity for anyone.

"You get to be outdoors and be off campus," Kuntz said. "It's a lot of fun, and you get to work with animals."

Kuntz said that students from all disciplines could live at the SOIL. Students just had to be in their second year of school and be a full-time student. Kuntz also recommended having some farm experience.

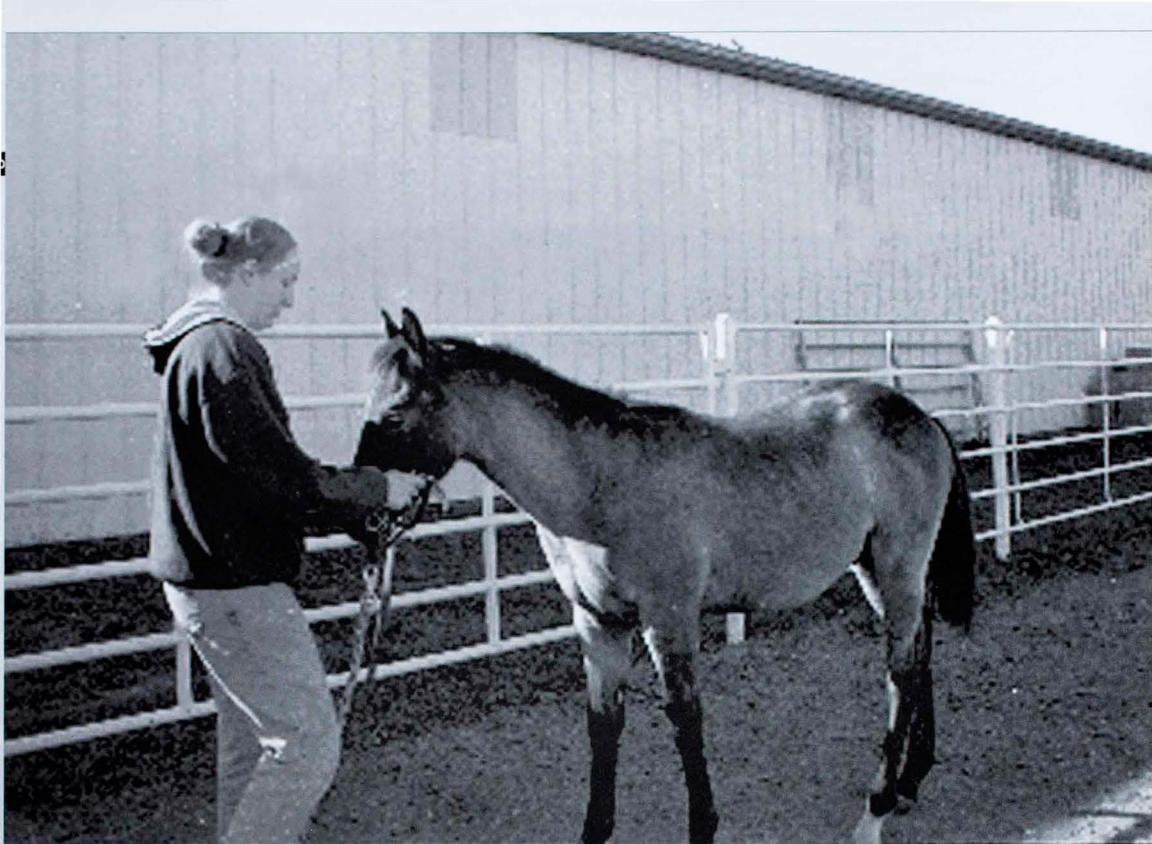


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**LEFT: Sophomore**  
Landon Gillam returns  
a horse to the stable.  
**SOIL** students rode  
horses at least once a  
day for about one hour.

**ABOVE: Senior**  
Michelle Pinney trains  
a horse, Fury, at the  
**SOIL**. Students trained  
horses until they were  
ready to ride.

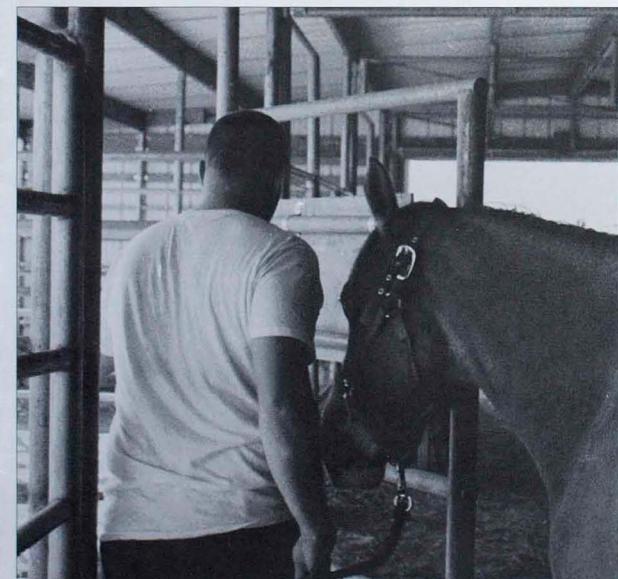


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 Leigh Albright.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Michelle Alford.....O'Fallon, Ill.  
 Erik Anderson.....Bemidji, Minn.  
 Jennifer Anderson.....Columbia, Mo.

Mary Anderson.....Lenexa, Kan.  
 Shannan Anderson.....Sioux Falls, S.D.  
 Rafael Andrade.....Monterrey, Mexico  
 Krista Anthanopoulos.....Arnold, Mo.  
 Brenda Appleby.....Hazelwood, Mo.

Sarah Armstrong.....Metamora, Ill.  
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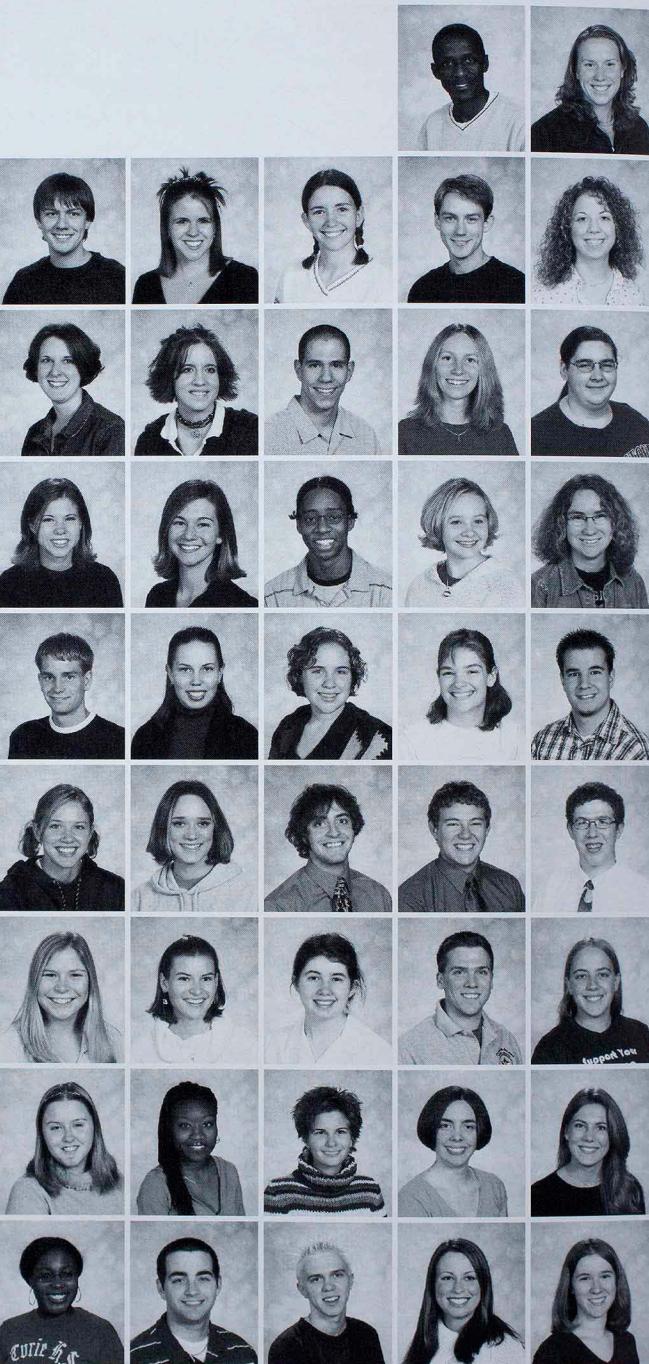
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 Paul Blessing.....St. Louis, Mo.

Lainie Bohnsack.....Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 Bobbi Bonham.....St. Louis, Mo.  
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 Jeremy Brunning.....Centerville, Mo.  
 Stephen Broadbent.....Moscow Mills, Mo.

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 Kristen Carson.....Independence, Mo.

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 Eric Cawthon.....Quincy, Ill.  
 Nathan Chambers.....Nixa, Mo.  
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 Cathy Clark.....Kansas City, Mo.



# Serve Without Motive

## *Students volunteer their spare time*

BY SARAH OLINGER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Playing Bingo with the elderly, tutoring children at Ray Miller Elementary School and building houses with Habitat for Humanity were some of the ways Truman State University students volunteered their time.

Junior Emily Sims uncovered a passion for helping others while volunteering in high school, and she decided to continue serving at the University.

"Once you start volunteering, it's kind of like a drug," Sims said. "You just want to do more and more."

Sims said that she started volunteering at the Family Advocacy Center during her freshman year. She then added other service commitments, such as interacting with a local youth through Campus PALs and adopting a grandparent at Kirksville Manor Care nursing home.

Sims said the Campus PALs program was one of her favorite service opportunities. She acted as a mentor to an underprivileged child once or twice a week through this program.

"My girl didn't have very many opportunities to do fun things," Sims said. "So we would go paddle boating at Thousand Hills [State Park], or I'd take her out for milkshakes. Sometimes we just hung out at my apartment and played with my guinea pig."

Junior Jennifer Edwardson also enjoyed volunteering with children. Edwardson said she tutored children in an after school program at the Family Advocacy Center.

"I wanted to go into teaching, so I thought it would be a good experience," Edwardson said.

Volunteering on an individual basis provided an opportunity to meet people and become involved in the community. Edwardson said working at the SERVE Center made her aware of many service opportunities on campus and in the community, too.

SERVE Center coordinator Leah Vincent said the center supplied students with service ideas and contact numbers for a variety of agencies that needed volunteers.

"There is a wide variety of service opportunities, and students can work with all ages of people," Vincent said.

Senior Trevor Marlow said he cleaned out cages and played with animals at the Humane Society.

"I just do it for the animals," Marlow said. "I really have a heart for them."

Junior Jill Guthrie worked with Habitat for

Humanity and volunteered at the recycling center.

Guthrie said it proved challenging to balance her schedule, but the rewarding pay-off made it all worthwhile. Guthrie also said she preferred serving alone because she did not lose sight of her purpose.

"For me, it's not that big of an amount of time," Guthrie said. "It's nothing compared to the amount of work we do for classes or the time we spend watching TV. So I just fit it in there somewhere."

Sims said volunteering made her life fuller.

"It is the only thing that really made me feel good," Sims said. "Volunteering is helping someone else and not getting anything out of it except the satisfaction of knowing that you made someone's life better."

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-junior Emily Sims

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PHOTO BY EMILY RANDALL

ABOVE: Senior Trevor Marlow plays with a puppy at the Kirksville Humane Society. Marlow volunteered for the animal shelter one hour each week.

## Transition to a New Life

Juan Carlos Valencia, assistant professor of Spanish, came to the United States from Colombia, South America, in 1986. He felt prepared for American culture but said it took some adjustment.

"We watched a lot of TV before coming to the United States, and we were bombarded with the American propaganda and products and shows, so you get a pretty good picture of what the country's like," Valencia said.

Valencia said he balanced out the lifestyle differences by incorporating certain aspects of Columbian culture, mainly cuisine, into his American life.

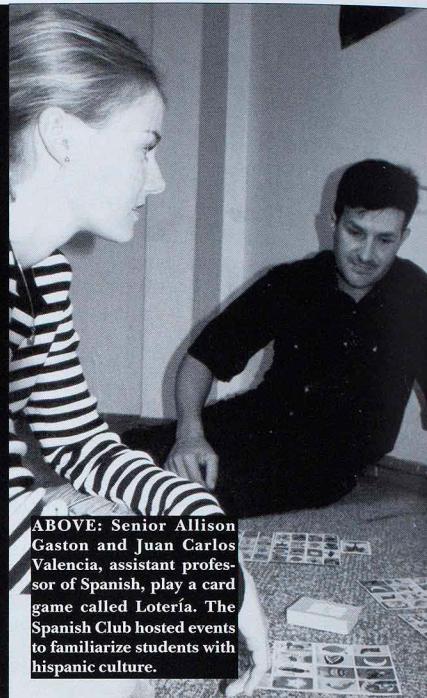
"Every week I cook Colombian food for my family," Valencia said. "Different soups and beans — my kids love it."

Valencia, having kept his heritage alive in the United States, found it hard to keep in touch with old acquaintances from his native country.

"The problem is that I don't go to Colombia," Valencia said. "I have been there for a total of 21 days since I left .... The new technology ... is nice. I'm actually more informed about what's going on in Colombia than some relatives I have down there."

Valencia was proud of his heritage, but he also enjoyed American life. Claiming one lifestyle or the other, he said, would be impossible.

"After being in the United States for so long, I still feel like a Colombian," Valencia said. "It's strange because I don't always feel like I'm American, but when I go back to Colombia, I don't feel like I'm Colombian because so much has changed."



ABOVE: Senior Allison Gaston and Juan Carlos Valencia, assistant professor of Spanish, play a card game called Loteria. The Spanish Club hosted events to familiarize students with Hispanic culture.

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ABOVE: Ramesh Rao, associate professor of communication, performs a Hindu ritual for his son, Sudhanva's, birthday. The ritual was to help Sudhanva live a long, healthy life.

## Indian Traditions

Ramesh Rao, associate professor of communication, came to the United States from India in 1985.

"I was working as a copy editor for one of the newspapers in India, and it was almost by chance, by accident," Rao said. "When I was at journalism school, one of my friends whose brother was in America knew about higher education and she suggested I get my Ph.D. here."

Rao was 28 when he made the trip to pursue his Ph.D. at Michigan State University (East Lansing). Rao said the cultural transition was not easy to make, regardless of his situation.

"Just the physical stuff," Rao said. "Everything from traffic and being on the wrong side of the road to adjustments like food. It was all very new to me."

Being in a new country, however, did not mean Rao had to abandon his Indian culture.

"I am a Hindu, and I am able to pray each day and also observe the festivals," Rao said. "And in terms of language ... my wife and I are from the same state in India, and we speak the same language, so we are able to practice that here as well."

# Bringing Culture Home

*University professors adjust to American life*

BY JOHNNY VINES

COPY EDITOR

Truman State University took pride in being culturally diverse and continually tried to expand on that. The diversity did not come solely from students, however. The University employed many professors from other countries in 2003-2004. Each shared a common bond, but no two experiences were exactly alike. Each professor had a unique experience.

Each story began with memories of first stepping on United States soil. Andrew Klyukovski, assistant professor of communication, came to the United States from Russia in 1993. He viewed the process of becoming an American citizen as one of the hardest parts of his experience.

"It is difficult to a certain degree," Klyukovski said. "There are certain requirements for independence, lots of specific things, so that was a challenge."

Other professors saw the task of fitting in to be the most difficult challenge.

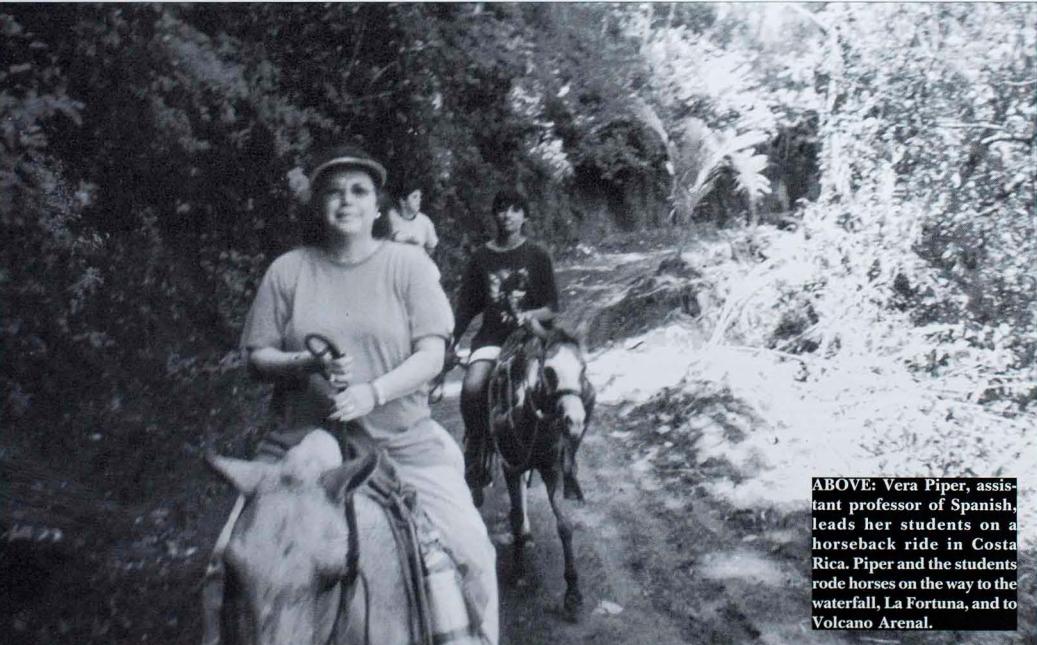
Sharon Squires, visiting assistant professor of sociology, came in 1967 from Barbados, an English-speaking country in the Caribbean. Squires said she came with her family to take advantage of the opportunities in the United States.

"Since [I came when] I was a child, I think it was a lot easier," Squires said. "I had a heavy accent ... so I think the adjustment came in trying to communicate and interact with the other kids, but it wasn't the same as coming over as an adult and having to try to adapt."

Regardless of where non-native professors came from or how they adapted to American life, all found the task of leaving loved ones behind difficult.

Sana Camara, assistant professor of French, came to the United States from Senegal, Africa, in 1986. He said the feeling of being alone in a foreign country was almost overwhelming at first.

"It was very, very difficult," Camara said. "The solitude and not being able to get in touch with my family or friends was very hard. It was almost too much, but I hung in there, and it really paid off in the end."



ABOVE: Vera Piper, assistant professor of Spanish, leads her students on a horseback ride in Costa Rica. Piper and the students rode horses on the way to the waterfall, La Fortuna, and to Volcano Arenal.

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 Lauren Durand.....St. Louis, Mo.  
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 Elizabeth Hobbs.....Newton, Kan.

# Early Entrepreneurs

## *Students start their own businesses*

BY PEGGY AMOR

ADVERTISING MANAGER

The idea of starting a business while still in school was overwhelming to many students, but for a few, it was the natural thing to do.

Some Truman State University students found business ideas in things they were already doing. Old baseballs were the launching pad for graduate student Nathan Rueckert's business, the Baseball Seams Company. He created small American flags out of the red stitching and white leather of baseballs and used swatches of old jerseys for the blue section of the flag.

Rueckert created the first artwork as a spur of the moment idea, and as more and more people praised the design, he began to think there could be a demand for his flags in the marketplace.

His next step was to get a copyright and become a licensed business. The Small Business Development Center was a place to go on campus to get the paperwork and guidance needed.

"We help people make an informed decision," Glen Giboney, center director said.

The center offered help in all aspects of business from start-up capital to manufacturing problems.

"[The center] just kind of pushed me in the right direction," Rueckert said.

The most common questions brought to the center were about financing.

"The hardest thing is just coming up with money to start anything," senior Ryan Moeller said.

Moeller's company, Mindstryke, started with the savings and sponsorship money the three founders received for participating in a cycling race across Iowa.

Mindstryke was in the first stages of approval and development for its Internet-based running and cycling apparel company. Moeller, however, was the only college student of the founders.

Research and planning were key aspects of the business process. Learning about the respective field, networking and getting advice were good ways to prepare for a new business.

The center emphasized getting as much information as possible about every business decision that was made, be it the budget, hiring or sales practices.

Creating a marketing plan was the next step in getting started. Rueckert's plan consisted of setting goals and finding a way to meet them. His first goal was to have his products available at the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame. Rueckert met this goal within the first year.

Moeller and the Mindstryke staff developed a promotional line of racing accessories like water bottles to give away at events in hopes of attracting people to their Web site.

Balancing business and pleasure was one of the hardest parts of being a student and a business owner. The student determined the amount of work done.

"It's a considerable portion of time, not only just working on it, but thinking about it constantly," Moeller said.

Both Moeller and Rueckert hoped their business would continue after graduation.

"I had a job offer, but I decided to turn that down for now to pursue this full time and see how far it can go," Rueckert said.

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**-senior Ryan Moeller**

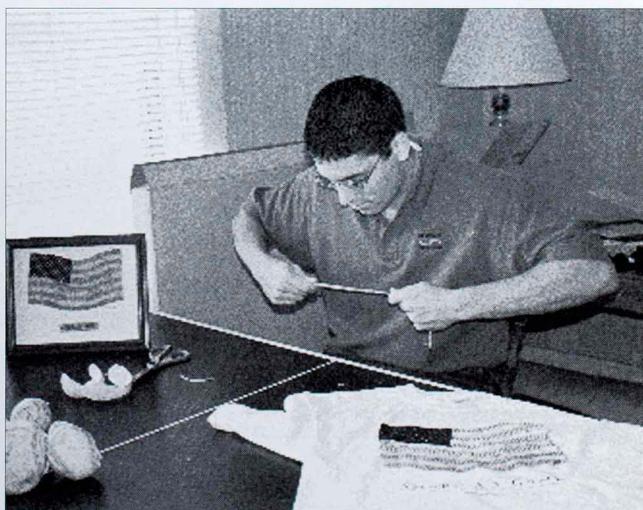


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**ABOVE:** Graduate student Nathan Rueckert creates his flag using three baseball covers and jersey material. Rueckert produced artwork, T-shirts and prints using his trademark flag.

# Will Work for Money

*Students seek University employment for scholarship renewal*

BY AIMEE GREGOR

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Truman State University offered thousands of scholarships to students each year, but the financial aid came with strings attached. Recipients had to complete 75 hours of scholarship work each semester in return.

Students fulfilled their scholarship requirements in different ways. Professors used scholarship workers to help grade papers, to take office phone calls and even to assist in cleaning science labs.

Donald Kangas, professor of zoology, asked sophomore Lindee Weese to take care of the animals in a science lab. Weese enjoyed caring for the animals but did not believe students

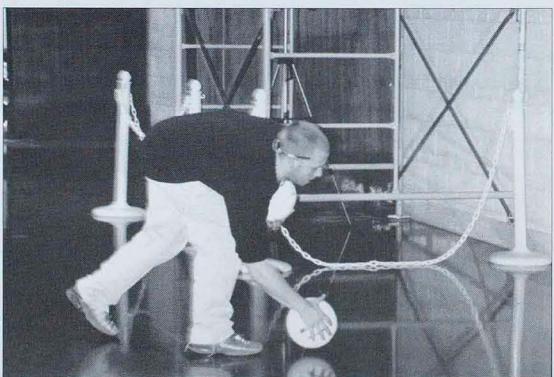


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ABOVE: Junior Dustin Engels shags a ball during the Regional Volleyball Tournament. Scholarship workers for the athletic department worked all athletic events and monitored the athletic weight room during the day.

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Carissa Holloway.....	St. Peters, Mo.
Jason Hull.....	Fulton, Mo.
Alisher Husanov.....	Slippery Rock, Pa.
Eric Hutchins.....	Winfield, Kan.

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Diane Igoche.....	Kaduna, Nigeria
Marie Ireland.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Christine Janson.....	Waterloo, Ill.
Sucheta Jawalkar.....	Mumbai, India

should have to work scholarship hours.

"I'm so busy doing other things," Weese said. "Scholarship hours should be looked at case by case."

Junior Gina Fettig checked student identification cards during open swimming at Pershing Natatorium and thought scholarship jobs were unfair.

"We have earned our scholarships already, and we should not have to owe the school for money we have already earned," Fettig said.

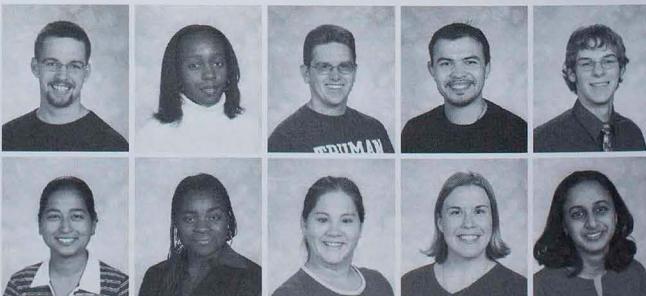
Other students thought that scholarship hours were worthwhile. Junior Tammy Merline loved her job with the athletic department. She kept statistics for the volleyball team and retrieved balls from out-of-bounds during soccer games, among other jobs pertaining to the athletic teams. Merline said she loved sports and did not mind working scholarship hours.

"I only worked five hours per week, and it is nothing compared to my scholarship," Merline said.

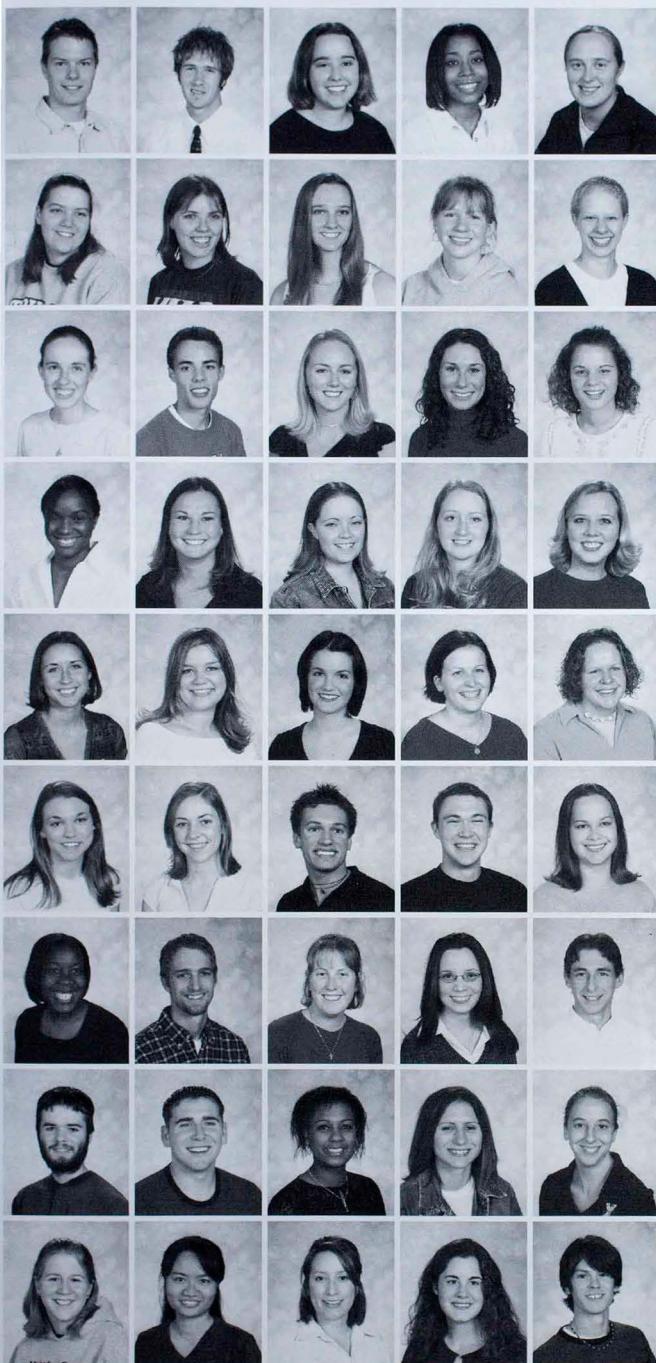
Sophomore Stacy Faerber also thought her job was worthwhile. She answered the lab phone in the Speech and Hearing Clinic in Barnett Hall. Faerber hoped to work in communication disorders and felt that being in the clinic gave her the chance to learn about the career.

Students had an alternative to scholarship jobs, though. Students who opted not to work their hours received 50 percent of their scholarship.

"Even though I didn't like doing my scholarship hours, and even though I thought we already earned our scholarship, I still really needed the money, so I did the hours," Fettig said.



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 Talicia Jones.....Independence, Mo.  
 Clarissa Kaehlert.....Bloomingdale, Ill.

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 Amanda Keener.....Duluth, Minn.  
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 Jamie Mucho.....St. Peters, Mo.

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# Broken Homes

*Students battle landlords*

BY EMILY DEBERT

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many students considered moving off campus as a milestone in their lives. Finding a good landlord, though, was important. Everyone involved had to make the best of their situations once they signed a 12-month lease.

Junior Chris Browne had lived off campus for two years in 2003. Browne's first landlord had overlooked potential hazards like a small carbon monoxide leak and a wasp nest that was built into a crack in the side of the house. His junior year turned out to be a much better experience than his sophomore year, though. Browne said his second landlord was very professional because he had the walls repainted and the carpets cleaned before Browne moved in. Overall, Browne thought his previous landlord had taken advantage of him.

"I just got lucky this year," Browne said. "I think that individuals who act as landlords tend to be less capable of maintaining a piece of property [than] a real estate company. It seems companies have more resources that they are willing to use, where individuals worry more about money regarding repairs and maintenance."

Sophomores Jamey Johnston, Alisha Lingenselter and Christie Albrecht said their landlord threatened to throw them out due to the many complaints they had made. The landlord, however, did make repairs after the women made complaints.

"We have to complain to get things done," Lingenselter said. "[Our landlord] doesn't take the initiative to do it herself."

One particular problem was that the women's oven door handle was missing when they moved in. The landlord claimed her handyman said the oven was too old to find a replacement. Lingenselter, who grew tired of prying the door open with a potholder, decided to look online. She found a replacement for the exact model, but the landlord chose not to use this information. The landlord instead replaced the oven door with the door of an oven from a vacant upstairs apartment.

The women felt that their landlord took them less seriously simply because they were college students. They did say, however, that living off campus was worth all of the trouble they went through.

"The apartment is nice," Johnston said. "We just have a bad landlord."

Though many minor complaints were made each year, only about 10 to 30 serious inspections took place in a given year. Ron Stewart and Randy Behrens, Kirksville Fire Department inspectors, said that unhappy tenants should write a letter to their landlord first and later send the fire department a copy as proof that they notified the landlord. The inspectors would take action if the landlord did not.

City Codes Commissioner Paul Frazier said he based all inspections on the 2003 International Property Maintenance Code. It addressed the inside and outside condition of all buildings.

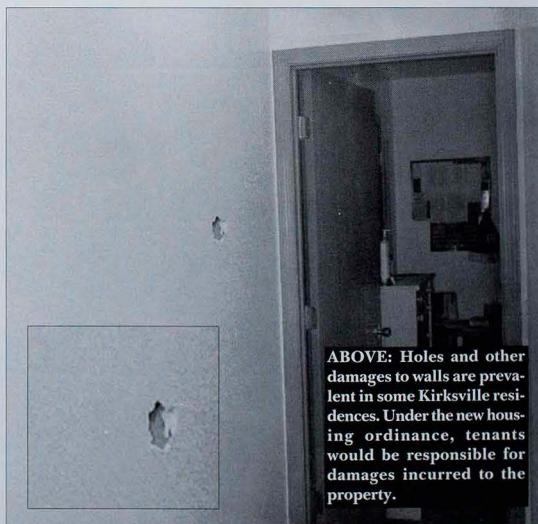
When a complaint was made either by a tenant, landlord or neighbor, the city inspected the property, and inspectors created a discrepancy sheet. The city gave the responsible party a deadline to fix the problem, whether it was an infestation, broken window or sewer problem. If landlords were responsible for a problem and did not comply, then they could be taken to court and fined.

In 2003, the city of Kirksville, however, began developing a rental inspection code. This code included a checklist for tenants and landlords to review before a renter moved into a housing unit.

The checklist included items such as working lights, a quality roof, sturdy handrails and steps, no exposed electrical wires and toilets that flush properly.

However, once renters moved in, they were responsible for properly maintaining the property.

The Rental Housing Ordinance passed March 15, 2004. Many hoped the ordinance would solve most tenant/landlord issues.



ABOVE: Holes and other damages to walls are prevalent in some Kirksville residences. Under the new housing ordinance, tenants would be responsible for damages incurred to the property.

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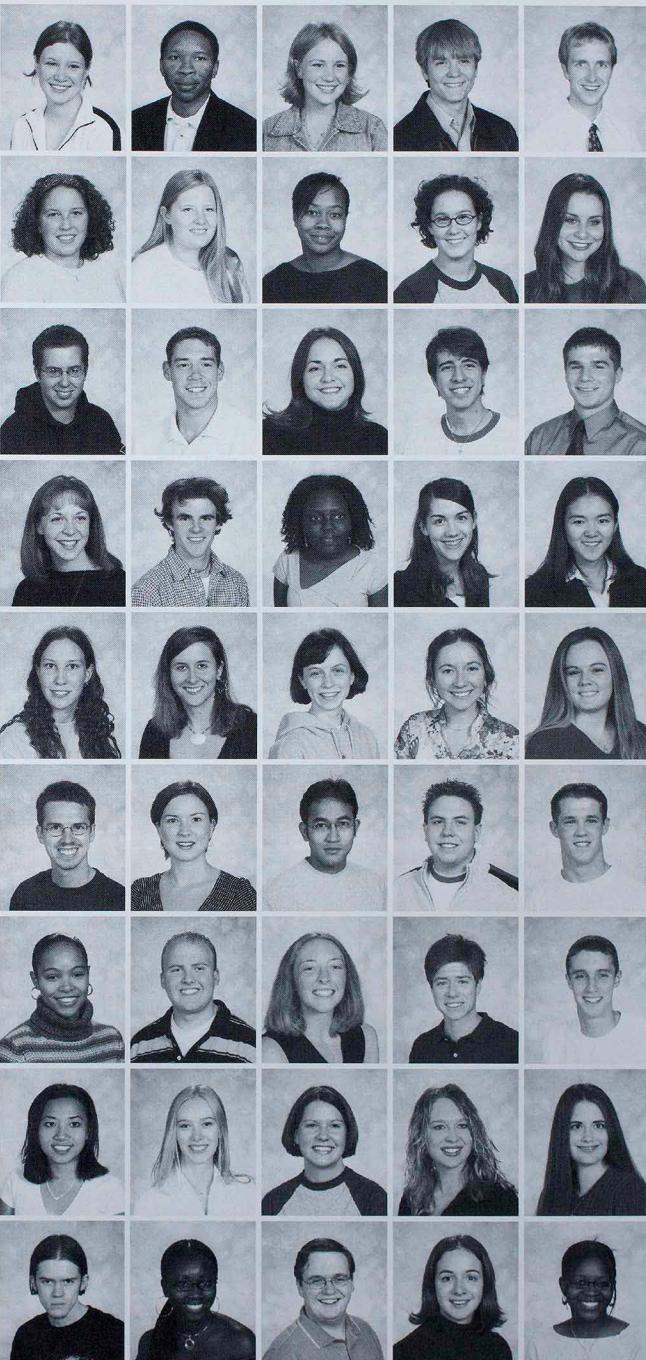
## Did You Know...

- No formal rental property inspection occurred on a regular basis
- Common complaints made were infestations and a lack of water pressure, hot water and inside heat
- Neighbors often complained about weeds, trash, furniture on the outside lawn, unlicensed vehicles in disrepair, outside deterioration, broken windows, malfunctioning sewer systems and uncleanliness

ABOVE: Some residences include nice accommodations such as dish washers, washing machines and dryers. The new housing ordinance hoped to ensure that all rental properties would be generally clean, well kept and maintained.

# SOPHOMORES

Erin O'Neal.....Hamilton, Ill.  
 Ikechukwu Okonwo.....Suru Lere, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Amy Olson.....Woolstock, Iowa  
 Kevin Ozkal.....Nevada, Mo.  
 Caleb Pautz.....Marshall, Mo.



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 Kalen Ponche.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Heather Porter.....Bellefontaine, Mo.  
 Sarah Preisinger.....Papillion, Neb.  
 Theresa Pumam.....Letts, Iowa

Matt Raper.....Eagan, Minn.  
 John Redden.....Holt's Summit, Mo.  
 Lisa Repair.....Omaha, Neb.  
 John Richardson II.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Chad Robertson.....Monmouth, Ill.

Terri Rott.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Travis Russell.....Columbia, Mo.  
 Ruth Sabai.....Kirkville, Mo.  
 Mandi Sage.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Shino Saito.....St. Louis, Mo.

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 Elizabeth Schlitter.....South Boston, Va.  
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 Sara Schwent.....St. Genevieve, Mo.

John Scognamiglio.....Eureka, Mo.  
 Sarah Shelton.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrigesh Shrestha.....Kathmandu, Nepal  
 Taylor Simmons.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Scott Skinner.....Wildwood, Mo.

Starr Skinner.....Dolton, Ill.  
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 Kimberly Smith.....St. Peters, Mo.  
 Matthew Smith.....Savannah, Mo.  
 Chip Sodemann.....Chesterfield, Mo.

Jane Song.....Ballwin, Mo.  
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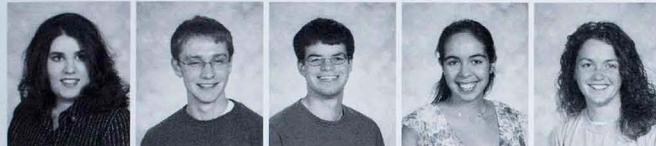
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Lindee Weese.....Kansas City, Mo.



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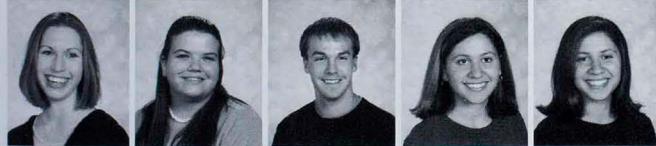
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Ashley Young.....Princeton, Mo.



Leah Young.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Ashley Adams.....Belleville, Ill.  
Adetokunbo Aderibigbe.....St. Louis, Mo.  
Chinaka Agwu.....Denver, Colo.  
Abayomi Aiyedun.....Lagos, Nigeria  
Teri Applegate.....House Springs, Mo.



Kelly Arcipowski.....Manchester, Mo.  
Berkley Arnold.....Jefferson City, Mo.  
Christopher Arwood.....Chilhowee, Mo.  
Danielle Asal.....Columbia, Mo.  
Nicole Asal.....Columbia, Mo.



Kelsey Aurand.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
Sara Babler.....Wentzville, Mo.  
Julie Bahr.....St. Charles, Mo.  
Gabriel Baker.....St. Charles, Mo.  
Megan Barry.....Winfield, Mo.



Kristen Bash.....Winfield, Mo.  
Amy Bechen.....Vail, Iowa  
Kara Beck.....St. Louis, Mo.  
Justin Been.....Afton, Mo.  
Jessica Bennett.....St. Peters, Mo.

## FRESHMEN

# A Campus Legacy

Mary Jane Kohlenberg brings history to life



ABOVE: Mary Jane Kohlenberg visits with her granddaughter, graduate student Jackie Paulson. Paulson graduated from the University in 2003 with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY HANSON

“ I’m very much for the [Kohlenberg Lyceum Series] program. It’s wonderful. It brings culture to the northeast community that many people otherwise wouldn’t be able to afford.

-Mary Jane Kohlenberg

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RIGHT: Mary Jane Kohlenberg, at 21, was a member of the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service, a branch of the U.S. Navy. Kohlenberg said her mother gasped when told that Mary Jane joined the WAVES and said, “Well, if you want to be a boy, I guess it’s OK.”

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## BY MARY ANN MACCOMBIE

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

They attended Kohlenberg Lyceum Series productions as grandmother and granddaughter, seeing every performance possible. Mary Jane Kohlenberg, assistant professor emeritus of mathematics, and graduate student Jacqueline Paulson bear testimony to a living legacy, enjoying a Truman State University tradition that began over 100 years ago and renewed over 40 years ago with the commitment made to the arts by Mary Jane's husband, Gilbert Kohlenberg, a former division head of social sciences.

"I'm very much for the program," Mary Jane said. "It's wonderful, it brings culture to the northeast community that many people otherwise wouldn't be able to afford."

Mary Jane arrived in Kirksville in the late 1940s when her husband took a temporary assignment as a replacement University teacher. He was asked to stay on, and the Kohlenbergs made Kirksville their home.

Mary Jane received her master's degree in secondary school administration from the University and taught mathematics as a faculty member from 1955 to 1987.

Paulson and her parents often visited with Mary Jane and Gilbert over the holidays.

"We used to come and visit my grandparents on campus," Paulson said.

Years later, when deciding what college to attend, the University became Paulson's first choice.

"I'd looked at a lot of colleges," Paulson said. "[Truman] was the right size and had the right programs. It was something that was familiar. It wasn't like I was going to someplace new."

Paulson arrived as a student 10 years after her grandparents' retirement from teaching. She spent all of her undergraduate years at the University and received her bachelor's degree in 2003. Paulson then worked on her master's degree in education at the University.

Paulson described her grandmother as intelligent, determined and not afraid to be one-of-a-kind. The proof was in Mary Jane signing up for the Navy because she liked the uniform and wanted to fly. Paulson said Mary Jane had not asked her parents' permission to join, but instead announced her career choice after the fact.

"It was World War II, and I was graduating with a

degree in math and science," Mary Jane said. "I didn't want a normal job, and I was only 21. I met a WAVE who asked me what I wanted to do. She told me about the opportunities available."

She did not get to fly, but she did become one of the few women accepted for volunteer emergency service involved in aeronautical research on the atomic bomb during World War II.

Mary Jane wrote a book about Gilbert's Army and Air Force career as a company commander traveling with the 7th Army. The book had originally been a project of Gilbert's, but after his sudden death, Mary Jane took on the responsibility. The Truman State University Press published the book, titled "Hospital on the Move — A Story of Life with the 79th Field Hospital in World War II." It comprised letters between Gilbert and Mary Jane, along with photos and news clippings.

"Writing the book took me back all those years," Mary Jane said. "In a way it was sad, but in another, very happy. The happiness made up for the sadness, and it was good therapy for me."

Paulson said she had not read the book yet. Shortly after Gilbert's death, however, she sat down and read the material for the book.

"I enjoyed the letters," Paulson said.

Mary Jane established a scholarship in memory of Gilbert in 2000. Each year the 79th Field Hospital Scholarship went to a University senior pursuing active duty, with preference given to a person branched to the medical service corps.

Mary Jane said she had missed only one presentation of the Lyceum Series at the University since Gilbert assumed leadership in the early 1960s.

Bob Jones, co-chairman of the Kohlenberg Lyceum program and division head of fine arts, said he had gotten to know Mary Jane since her husband's death.

"When she would come to the Lyceum series, I would occasionally escort her to her seat," Jones said.

Mary Jane said she regularly attended events because it was the kind of culture a person needed. She only remembered one incident where things did not run smoothly.

"The only time there was trouble was when the St. Louis symphony forgot their music," Mary Jane said. "It was all messed up that night, but they did end up playing."



ABOVE: Mary Jane Kohlenberg's book is available to check out in Pickler Memorial Library. The Truman State University Press published the 174-page book.

BORN IN IOWA, Gilbert was recruited to the University of Illinois to receive a degree in the U.S. Navy during World War II and ended one year early in the daily page book.

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# Married Life

*Students find advantages in taking early vows*

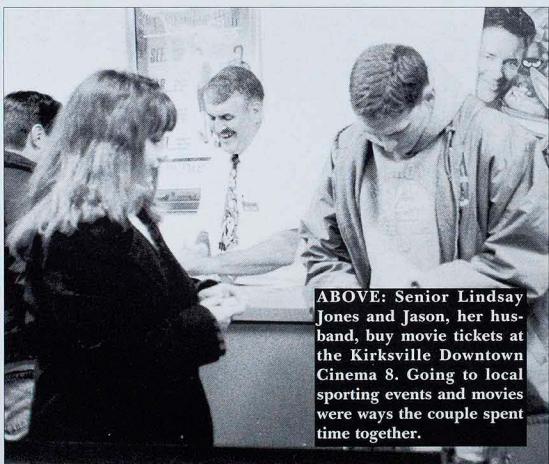
BY BRIAN RUSSELL

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**J**unior Nik Johnsson grew tired of leaving his girlfriend's apartment late at night. He said it would have been much easier to live together and not have to worry about leaving.

Nik and senior Carrie Johnsson decided to get married after dating for a year and five months. They became husband and wife in August 2003.

"We felt like we were wasting a lot of time with me running out to her apartment and not wanting to leave at night," Nik said. "So since we live in the same place [now] there's not as much confusion, and we can spend whatever time we want together."



**ABOVE:** Senior Lindsay Jones and Jason, her husband, buy movie tickets at the Kirksville Downtown Cinema 8. Going to local sporting events and movies were ways the couple spent time together.

PHOTO BY KIM FERRELL

Jennifer Bingaman.....	O'Fallon, Mo.
Brad Birkel.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Jake Boling.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Alison Bowen.....	Smithville, Mo.
Julie Brandewiede.....	St. Louis, Mo.

John Brockman.....	Omaha, Neb.
Erin Brooks.....	Cleveland, Mo.
Charity Brown.....	Trenton, Mo.
Nicole Brown.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Cari Brummit.....	Unionville, Mo.

Though Truman State University students found it hard enough to manage going to class, studying and everything else it took to succeed, some also had to manage their marriages.

Senior Kate Donaldson and her husband, Ross, a University graduate, married in January 2003. Kate said she did not regret the decision to get married while still in college.

"He's my best friend, so now I'm with him all the time, and it's great," Kate said. "Our relationship grows stronger every day."

Kate said one key aspect in the decision to get married was their Christian religious beliefs.

"We didn't want to live together until we got married," Kate said. "That was something that we didn't feel was right. Since we were best friends and spent all of our time together, it just seemed like, so as not to go against everything, getting married was the best decision we could make."

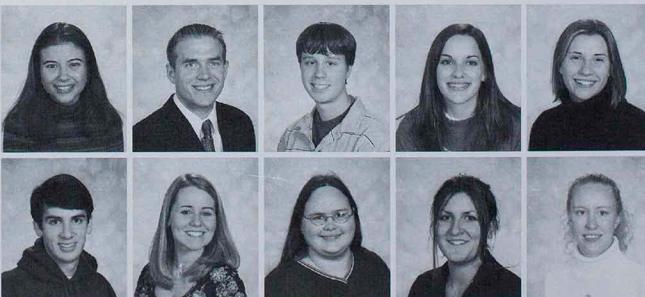
Not everything about being a married college student was perfect. Kate said married couples faced challenges like a lack of money and having to find their own insurance. Kate said she and Ross handled their finances well.

"We're both pretty good at managing budgets," Kate said. "We both have a job ... and we know pretty well what we can and can't spend money on."

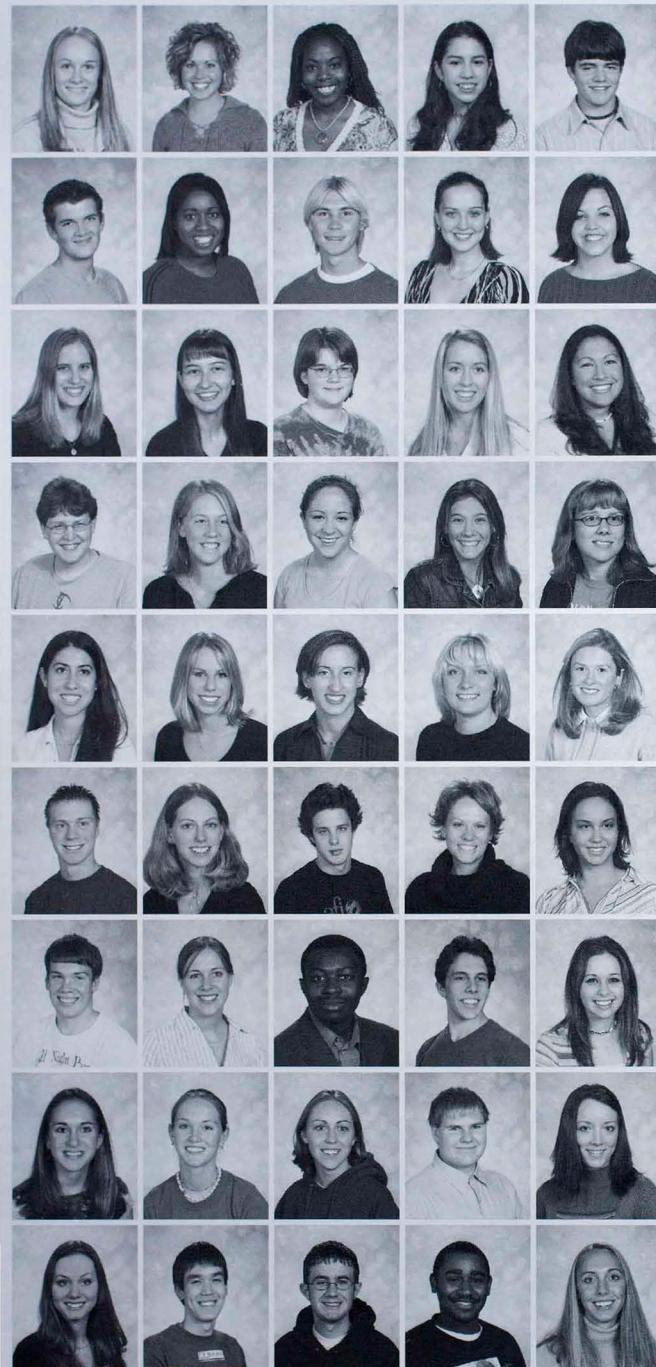
Carrie said getting married had advantages. Her husband was a built-in study partner.

"It's nice to have someone to kick your butt if you aren't studying, and they know you should be," Carrie said.

Although getting married may not have been the best course of action for all college students, the Johnssons and Donaldsons proved it was one that could be successful.



## FRESHMEN



Emily Berger.....Kirkville, Mo.  
 Ashley Butler.....New Windsor, Ill.  
 Tiffany Caesar.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Amelia Camarillo.....Perryville, Mo.  
 Bryan Campbell.....St. Louis, Mo.

Chase Carlisle.....Liberty, Mo.  
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 Casey Carroll.....Wentzville, Mo.  
 Laura Carroll.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Ashley Carter.....Hannibal, Mo.

Kathryn Cathell.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Rebecca Charles.....Lebanon, Mo.  
 Lois Christensen.....Webster Groves, Mo.  
 Becky Clarke.....Shawnee Mission, Kan.  
 Colleen Cleaveland.....St. Peters, Mo.

Colin Coffman.....St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Emily Costello.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Megan Creed.....Brunswick, Mo.  
 Allison Cusack.....Chicago, Ill.  
 Alison Dahl.....Chicago, Ill.

Valentina Daly.....Reston, Va.  
 Amanda Davison.....Richland, Mo.  
 Amy Deis.....Raytown, Mo.  
 Karla Dobbins.....Hurdland, Mo.  
 Melissa Doosing.....Chillicothe, Mo.

Chris Dothage.....Imperial, Mo.  
 Aimee Drewes.....House Springs, Mo.  
 Steve Duepner.....Chesterfield, Mo.  
 Melanie Dunn.....Devil's Elbow, Mo.  
 Shannon Earhart.....Collinsville, Ill.

Brian Easley.....Fulton, Mo.  
 Lucy Eberhard.....Moscow Mills, Mo.  
 Samuel Edle.....Kirkville, Mo.  
 Marshall Edwards.....Shawnee Mission, Kan.  
 Allyssa Filla.....St. Charles, Mo.

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 Sammy Finney.....St. Peters, Mo.  
 Colleen Fitzgerald.....Red Bud, Ill.  
 Brian Flieg.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Jacquelyn Floyd.....Kirkville, Mo.

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 Alan Foster.....O'Fallon, Mo.  
 Brandon Foster.....Jefferson City, Mo.  
 Jordan France.....Florissant, Mo.  
 Heidi Fuhrman.....Moberly, Mo.

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 Laura Gantner.....Fenton, Mo.  
 Amanda Gardner.....Salem, Mo.  
 Emily Gebhardt.....Salisbury, Mo.  
 Natalie Gerhart.....Columbia, Mo.



Dighbijaya Ghale.....Nepal  
 Stephanie Goodwin.....Parkville, Mo.  
 Kara Gordon.....Salem, Mo.  
 Rebecca Gordon.....Kirkwood, Mo.  
 Jamie Graham.....Fredericktown, Mo.

Rebecca Gray.....Galesburg, Ill.  
 Amanda Groebel.....St. Louis, Mo.  
 Justin Grout.....Huntsville, Mo.  
 Peter Guirguis.....Gladstone, Mo.  
 Mary Hamera.....Easton, Mo.

Jenifer Hamilton.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Greg Hammond.....Lincoln, Neb.  
 Daniel Harnes.....Clinton, Mo.  
 Joshua Hanser.....Kirkwood, Mo.  
 Andrew Hardee.....Camdenton, Mo.

Joanne Harder.....Ballwin, Mo.  
 Sara Harman.....Quincy, Ill.  
 Gordon Harrison.....Hardin, Mont.  
 Megan Hasse.....St. Charles, Mo.  
 Matthew Heimann.....St. Charles, Mo.

Jesse Helms.....Hillsboro, Mo.  
 Laura Henderson.....Bowling Green, Mo.  
 Kenna Herdrich.....Princeton, Mo.  
 Michael Herron.....Kansas City, Mo.  
 Abbie Hesse.....Farber, Mo.

Heather Hill.....Ballwin, Mo.  
 Paula Hodges.....Clarksburg, Mo.  
 Jessica Hoelzer.....Eureka, Mo.  
 Alexander Horn.....Brandenburg, Germany  
 Adam Howell.....Maryville, Mo.

David Howell.....St. Peters, Mo.  
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 Jared Johnson.....Grain Valley, Mo.  
 Amanda Johnston.....Fairfield, Iowa  
 JoAnn Jorgovan.....Fenton, Mo.  
 Idean Judah.....St. Joseph, Mo.

# Chasing a Dream

*Alcidean Arias attends class while focusing on her career*

BY ERIN EVEKER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students traditionally attended college after high school and then found jobs. Alcidean "Alci" Arias, however, pursued a degree in communication at age 54 while working as assistant director of the Center for International Education Abroad.

Arias came to Truman State University after high school in 1967, but she came to work full time. She could not afford to be a full-time student, but she took a few classes.

"I started taking one or two classes, whatever I could at lunchtime or before work," Arias said. "I think when I stopped at that time, I had 26 hours."

Arias started taking classes again in 1995 after a long break and accumulated 57 hours by 1997. She said the 75 percent tuition discount for faculty and staff presented her with what she felt was a great opportunity.

"Fall of 2001, I decided whatever it took, I was going to get my degree, and that's when I started taking more classes at a time," Arias said.

Arias' heaviest semester was in spring 2003 when she took 13 hours while working full time at the center. She traveled across the globe for meetings and site visits for the center's programs as she juggled school and a career. The fall 2003 semester was also difficult for Arias, who visited Austria, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands and Germany in a two-month period while carrying a 10-hour course load.

"It's been very difficult to keep up with my classes [in fall 2003]," Arias said. "My professors have been wonderful and so understanding, allowing me to turn in my work before I leave. I can't always take the quizzes or tests before I leave because it doesn't always work out, so they let me make them up."

Sharon Austin, Arias' assistant, said Arias was in high demand at the center with her knowledge of study-abroad programs.

"She loves students and loves to talk with them and share her expertise because she has been to so many of the places that they are considering going to," Austin said.

Professors, students and co-workers

appreciated Arias.

"My professors tell me that they enjoy having me in the class because I give a totally different perspective," Arias said. "And other students treat me as one of them — I guess that that's the best that you could ask for."

Senior Brooke Howard had taken several classes with Arias. Howard said Arias added something different to the classroom, especially in their Senior Capstone course, where she shared her experiences of working for the University.

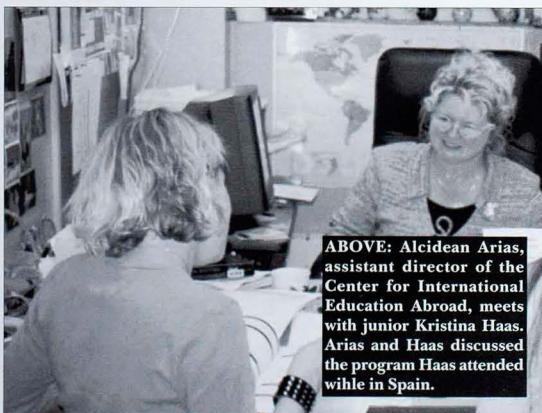
"She usually explains how she works for the University and is pursuing her degree, and everyone treats her no differently than any other student," Howard said.

Arias's desire to earn her bachelor's degree was a lifelong goal, and her sacrifices helped her goal materialize.

"The biggest challenge has been the fact that I have no time at all, but I feel like I can do anything for a little while," Arias said.

Arias graduated in December 2003. Her newly obtained degree in communication with a journalism emphasis and psychology minor fit well with her work at the University. Arias' educational aspirations did not end with her bachelor's, though.

"I probably will go on taking classes beyond this degree," Arias said. "I might even go on for a master's."



ABOVE: Alcidean Arias, assistant director of the Center for International Education Abroad, meets with junior Kristina Haas. Arias and Haas discussed the program Haas attended while in Spain.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE STACY

# Educational Journeys

## International students seek high-quality education

BY EMILY DEBERT

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Going away to college seemed new and unusual for some students, and a few became homesick. International students, however, dealt with more than the usual pangs of homesickness as they adjusted to American culture.

"Most international students come to the United States for the quality of education," International Admissions Coordinator Jodi Keith said.

Two hundred sixty-nine international students from 48 countries attended Truman State University in 2003, according to the International Student Office. These students most commonly pursued computer science and business degrees.

Freshman Kim Wadhwani was born in India and moved to Hong Kong when he was 10. He had been to the United States before and said he came to the University because it was a good value for the money. He also wanted to experience more American culture.

Freshman Sushil Karki said the United States offered a better education than his country, Nepal, which only had two small colleges. Wadhwani and Karki said the American educational system was more organized than the British educational system they followed before.

Keith said many foreign colleges, unlike those in the United States, did not require students to do outside homework, so students studied right before exams.

Traveling alone to the United States to go to school proved to be nerve-racking for some.

"A lot of our international students had never traveled outside their country, so they're nervous at first when they arrive," Keith said. "However, they

seem to adjust quickly to campus life."

Wadhwani and Karki said they were nervous when they first arrived but quickly adjusted to American life.

"I didn't know anyone," Wadhwani said. "I took part in social activities and global links. The people here are friendly, and the ISO and International Club helped a lot, too."

Karki experienced culture shock when he came to the University because he had never traveled to the United States before.

"Living in the dorms is totally different from living at home," Karki said. "Though I do miss home a lot, I do enjoy the freedom here. There is a 10 p.m. curfew all through Nepal because of the war, so it's different to be able to stay out as late as I want."

Karki and Wadhwani said the University offered more activities than their home colleges.

"Truman has many more social activities than Hong Kong offered," Wadhwani said. "I sleep a lot, go to the rec center, work out, play soccer, go to parties and even rushed a fraternity."

Karki enjoyed television

and University concerts.

Students could not move away from home right after high school in many foreign countries.

"In Hong Kong, people don't move away from home when they are eighteen because housing is too expensive," Wadhwani said. "Living in the United States, I have had to learn more time management skills and have grown a lot more independent."

Having international classmates gave American students additional opportunities. Students learned first-hand about different cultures.

"Our international students contribute so much to our campus," Keith said. "They almost expose us to a different world."



ABOVE: Senior **Yoshie Nakai** serves **Canh May**, an egg soup, to junior **Kamala Guruna** at the International Club's banquet. International students dressed in attire typical of their countries.

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ABOVE: Freshman Takashi Arimura, a Japanese exchange student, enjoys the international feast. Students cooked and shared typical dishes from different cultures around the world during the dinner.

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LEFT: Sophomore Pamela Agebevey, freshmen Philip Gosu and Eric Owusu, sophomore Felicia Boye-Doe and junior Mangwi Ntumngia perform an African skit and fashion show while guests enjoy their meals. About 450 people attended the international dinner.

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Kara Jungblut.....Eldridge, Iowa  
 Sangam K.C.....Kathmandu, Nepal  
 Laura Kandlik.....Columbia, Mo.  
 Deepika Kansal.....Howrah, West Bengal  
 Sushil Karki.....Kathmandu, Nepal



# Painted and Pierced

*Students make personal statements with body art*

BY DENISE HUFFORD

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**A** needle puncturing the skin may have sounded horrible to some, but for a growing number of Truman State University students, it was considered a rite of passage.

Tattoos and body piercings were trends on the rise, and the reasons for getting them varied for each student.

Junior Brandon Fara peirced his left ear when he was 19. He had been thinking about getting it done for about two years prior to that, but his parents talked him out of it. Fara saw his opportunity when he came to the University.

"After my friend turned 18, the three of us got it done at the same time," Fara said. "It was a small little rebellion against the norm. It was a fun time."

Fara did not have any tattoos. He pierced his ear instead because it was less permanent than a tattoo. Fara still liked his piercing, and he was considering getting the cartilage in the same ear pierced.

"[Piercing] is the best way to go against society safely," Fara said. "No drugs or anything — it's completely legal."

Junior Jayme Stubbs had two tattoos. She had a star with three smaller starbursts on her hip and an ictus, a Christian symbol, on her left foot.

"I got the star because my two best friends and I

had always promised to get star tattoos together," Stubbs said.

Her two friends backed out in the end, but that did not deter Stubbs. She got the tattoo done as a birthday present to herself in 2002. She chose the ictus tattoo after seeing another girl who had it done on her foot. Stubbs said she did not plan to get any more tattoos but did not regret the ones she had.

"I love my tattoos," Stubbs said. "They are discreet, not really out there for everyone to see. They're just mine."

Senior Lisa Feldkamp had two tattoos and a pierced navel. She got her first tattoo, a dragon on her foot, during her sophomore year at the University. She decided to have fairies tattooed on her stomach during the following summer.

"I think tattoos are pretty, and I like dragons and fairies, so I knew I wouldn't get tired

of them," Feldkamp said. "The fairies also have special meaning for me because my friend drew it."

Feldkamp said that being at the University had changed her perspective on life, and she no longer cared as much about what her parents thought. This was not the only reason for aquiring her tattoos and piercings, though.

"I didn't do it just to rebel, but more because I could do it and wanted to do it," Feldkamp said.

The statements made through body art were well worth the pain endured for many students, no matter their motives.



ABOVE: Junior Miranda McMillin shows two of her six tattoos. The tattoo on her wrist was related to her involvement in Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.

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 Jennifer Lane.....Lynn Center, Ill.  
 Kirstin Larson.....Grain Valley, Mo.

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 Erin Lear.....Kearney, Mo.  
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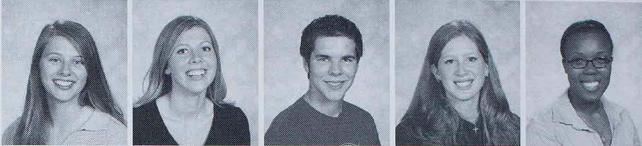
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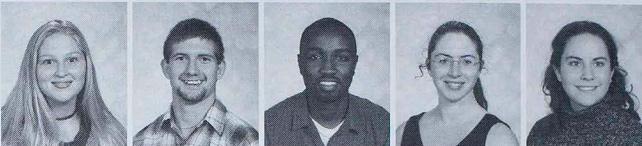
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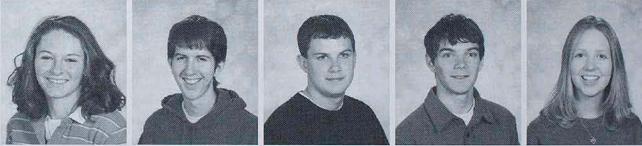
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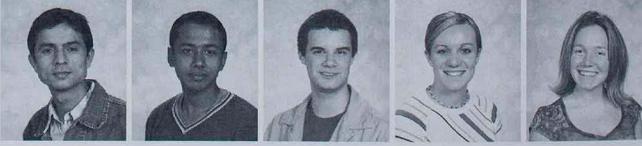
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# A Family Affair

*Professors' children stay near*

BY SARA ANDERSON

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Imagine going to school and seeing your parents at the same time. This concept was hard to grasp for most students, but not for those with parents who taught at the university they attended. Several Truman State University students found themselves in this situation.

Senior Matthew McDuff and sophomore Sarah McDuff were two of these University students. Their mother was Elaine McDuff, assistant professor of sociology. Although the McDuffs had not always lived in Kirksville, they ended up in the same place.

Originally from Ames, Iowa, Matthew was the first to venture to the University.

“I already knew a lot of the professors and was already very comfortable with the campus since I’ve been here all my life.”  
-freshman Naomi Davis

“I was recruited to swim, and I had always heard that Truman was an excellent school,” Matthew said.

His mother came to the University to teach a year later, and his sister Sarah enrolled as a student the following year.

“The best advantage to having a parent on campus is the support system,” Sarah said. “It’s also a good source of money if I’m ever in a bind.”

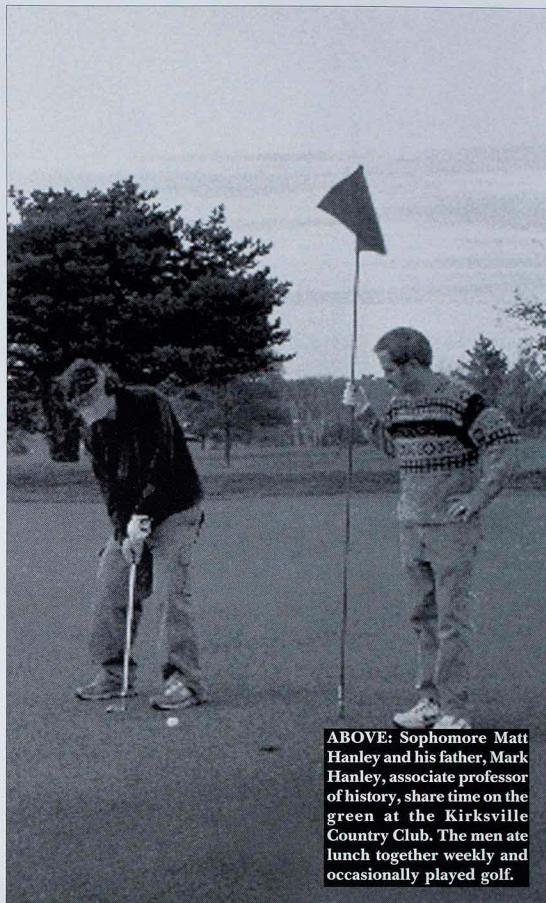
Matthew agreed with Sarah. They both saw advantages with having their parents at the same university.

“It doesn’t affect my social life, and my mom and I share a lot of the same interests, so it’s nice being able to have her around,” Matt said.

Freshman Naomi Davis’ parents were also professors at the University.

“It’s nice to come into school with your parents already working here,” Davis said. “I already knew a lot of the professors and was already very comfortable with the campus since I’ve been here all my life.”

Davis said she did not see her parents very often,



ABOVE: Sophomore Matt Hanley and his father, Mark Hanley, associate professor of history, share time on the green at the Kirksville Country Club. The men ate lunch together weekly and occasionally played golf.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON

although Davis and her family were from Kirksville.

“Usually during the week if I want to see either one of them, I have to stop by their offices,” Davis said.

The parent’s shared a similar perspective. Mark Hanley, associate professor of history, had two children enrolled at the University during the 2003-2004 academic year.

“It provides the best of both worlds,” Hanley said. “We are able to see them develop intellectually, as well as mature.”

Hanley agreed with the opinions of Davis and the McDuffs.

“They are able to have their own lives and still be in close contact with their family,” Hanley said.

Many students at the University valued their freedom and would not want their parents at school with them. Some families, however, could not imagine anything different.

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# Transforming Health Care

*Students benefit from programs*

BY LAUREN JACKSON

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**S**tudents commonly visited the Student Health Center for allergy shots and cold medicine. The health center provided much more than cough drops and remedies for runny noses, however.

The health center came under new supervision in 2002 and made changes to improve its services. The new director, Brenda Higgins, had been working at the health center part-time as the nurse practitioner since 1996.

"Educational programs are now offered and are provided in the residence halls and classrooms," Higgins said. "Loveline-type programs are also offered on campus."

All health center staff members, having their own areas of expertise, helped with the educational programs. Students saw more staff members around campus as a result.

The health center also started offering oral contraceptives for \$5. This led to an increase in women's exams.

The staff hoped to make the health center what the students needed and wanted it to be.

"A student health advisory committee is also currently being developed, which will include faculty, staff, community members and students," Higgins said. "They hope to do some strategic planning involving students and what they would like to see the health center have."

The health center did not neglect the already-established programs, though. Students could be treated for eating disorders and mental health illnesses, among other ailments, at the health center. The most common ailments seen were respiratory illnesses, women's exams, nutritional counseling, headaches and weakness.

Being around so many illnesses and germs could have caused the health care workers to get sick themselves. Yet, most avoided illnesses.

"Flu vaccines are required for nursing students, and by being exposed to a lot, you build up an immunity to many ailments," senior student worker Tanya Hentges said.

Hentges also took a multi-vitamin and drank plenty of fluids every day to fight off colds and influenza. Higgins said she tried to get adequate amounts of rest



and tried to keep her stress level low, along with keeping current with her immunizations.

Senior Alison Streb had been going to the health center once a week every year for allergy injections.

"I've never had a problem getting in, and the nurses are very knowledgeable," Streb said.

Streb had a positive attitude toward the health center and said she never waited over 10 minutes for her scheduled appointments.

Nurse practitioner Kelly Freeland began her second year working at the health center in 2003 and said the center was a comfortable place to work.

"This is one of the best places I've ever worked," Freeland said. "Everyone gets along here."

The opportunity to work with college students attracted both Higgins and Freeland to the University.

"We like working with college students," Higgins said. "Students want to learn about what's wrong with them, and it's important to teach them. Now is when they're developing habits they'll carry with them through life."



PHOTO BY LAURA BLAKEY

## Did You Know...

- The Student Health Center provided programs on sexually transmitted infections, predatory drugs, alcohol safety and alcohol poison prevention
- About 20 to 30 students visited the health center each day
- Immunizations provided included tetanus, diphtheria, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis and hepatitis B.
- The health center staff performed in-class lectures regularly on topics such as sexually transmitted infections and contraception options

ABOVE: Sophomore Meredith Overton receives her influenza shot at the Student Health Center from Vicky Wehner, a clinical nurse. The center provided flu vaccinations for \$10 to University students, faculty and staff.

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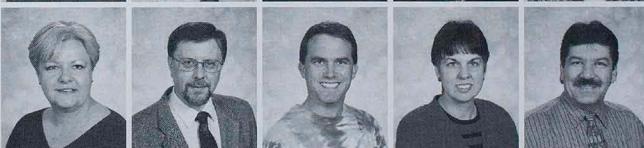
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# Hoops and Dreams

## Spurlock chooses dreams

BY BRIAN GAFFNEY

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The pace was slower, the competition was older and the fans were gone. However, Pualani Spurlock, Truman State University's fitness/wellness director, still enjoyed playing basketball, a game that once performed a major role in her life.

Spurlock played against fellow University faculty and staff during 2003. The employees played pick-up basketball games at the Student Recreation Center during their lunch breaks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, had played faculty/staff basketball since 1990. He played with Spurlock on the less competitive court but said the tempo picked up when she came.

**“**If we lost, it was my fault. If we won, then hey, kudos to me.  
-Pualani Spurlock,  
fitness/wellness director  
**”**

“When she's there we play a little harder and a little faster,” Cupelli said.

Spurlock played professionally in 1998 and 1999.

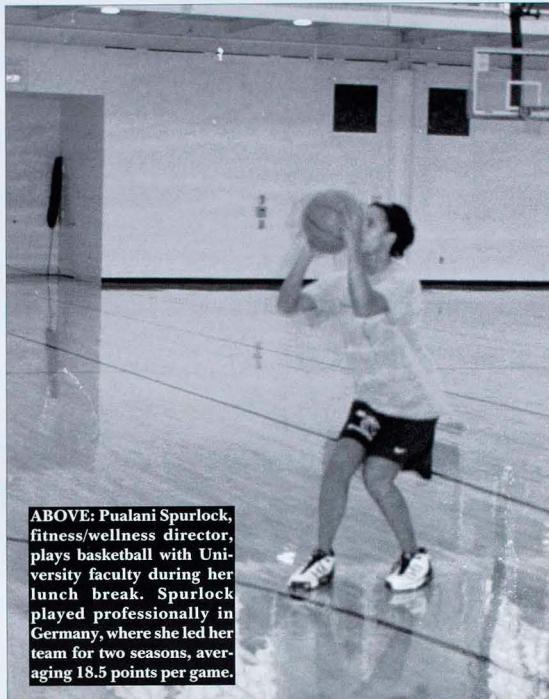
“I was the foreigner on the team,” Spurlock said. “If we lost it was my fault. If we won, then hey, kudos to me.”

A chance to play abroad came when Spurlock played Division I basketball for Ducaine University (Pittsburgh, Pa.). Several coaches saw her play and asked if she wanted to play overseas. Spurlock agreed and moved to Hamburg, Germany.

“It was a culture shock moving to Germany, not speaking the language, not knowing a single person there,” Spurlock said.

The game itself, in addition to the culture, required adaption. Spurlock said the German basketball league was much less physical than American basketball. It focused more on structure than on individual athletic ability.

Spurlock said the German fans acted crazier than Americans at professional sporting events. Fans brought cowbells and foghorns to games and could make distracting noises at any time. The noise



ABOVE: Pualani Spurlock, fitness/wellness director, plays basketball with University faculty during her lunch break. Spurlock played professionally in Germany, where she led her team for two seasons, averaging 18.5 points per game.

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occasionally got so loud that team members huddled in the middle of the court just to hear each other.

Spurlock stopped playing professional basketball in 1999 after her second season in the German league.

“I wanted more,” Spurlock said. “I think there's more to life, and I just didn't have my heart into playing anymore.”

Spurlock moved back to Pennsylvania and tried coaching as a graduate student. She said she realized then that she was ready to move on to something else.

Spurlock moved to Kirksville to fulfill a lifelong goal — to teach people the value of a healthy lifestyle. As fitness/wellness director, she supervised weight and aerobics room activities and the personal training program.

Susan Limestall, director of campus recreation and Spurlock's supervisor, was in charge of hiring a new fitness/wellness director in 2002.

“I think she has the commitment to try to help individuals be healthier, even if it means working with [students] one at a time,” Limestall said.

Spurlock had several friends playing in Germany and said she checked up on them and the team occasionally. Her days of competitive basketball were over, but she enjoyed playing in the faculty/staff recreational games.

“It's good fun, but you're always competitive I think, at heart,” Spurlock said.



ABOVE: Junior Amy Wheeler gives a tour to a prospective student's family. Student ambassadors often shared myths and traditions on campus while giving University campus tours.

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“ [Traditions give you a] feeling that you belong to something greater than yourself.  
-Zach Burden, Missouri Hall community coordinator ”

RIGHT: Senior football players wait to walk through the tunnel with their parents or other escorts before the last game of the season. Players practiced this tradition every year, along with the hickory stick game and the traditional postgame singing of the bulldog fight song.



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# Building Community

*Students create memories through traditions*

BY TRENT SUTTER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Those who attended women's soccer games could have overheard Coach Mike Cannon yell "left hand." Likewise, football players talked about "the stick." These things meant little to most people but were meaningful traditions for the students involved.

"[Traditions give you a] feeling that you belong to something greater than yourself," said Zach Burden, Missouri Hall community coordinator.

Burden took great pride in Truman State University's history and liked to share it with students. He gave campus tours at night, where he told stories of things not mentioned on a prospective student's tour. One item Burden explained was the Centennial Flame, or the eternal flame. This flame was only lit for special occasions.

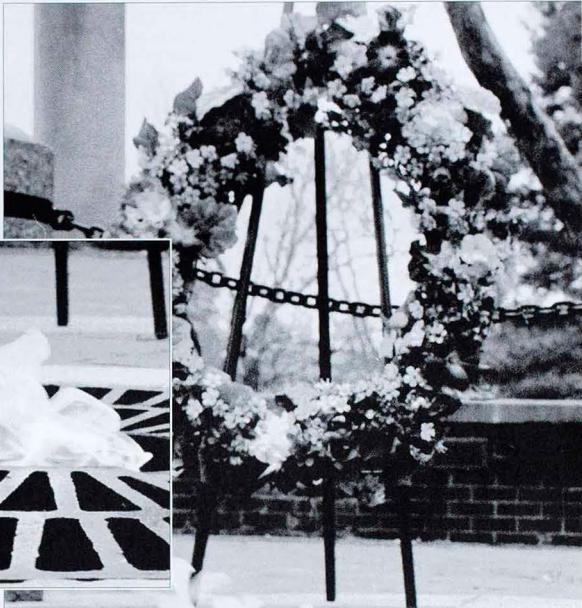
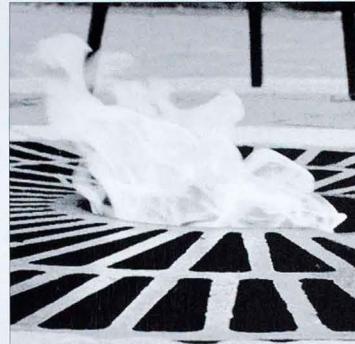
"It was never called [the eternal flame], — it's not designed to be an eternal flame," Burden said.

University sports also had traditions. Cannon said the women's soccer team passed its traditions down through players. The players also had their own pre-game traditions. Junior Anna Sonderman and some of her teammates wrote on their ankle tape before games. Her favorite 2003 saying was, "go balls out."

Cannon instituted some practice traditions as well. He started theme days at practice, where the girls dressed in a certain way. Another tradition he utilized came from working with the previous men's soccer coach. Cannon had all members draw a plus sign on their left hands to instill more positive thinking.

"[It was] just as a reminder, and then if somebody's getting down or negative, we just say 'look at your left hand' or 'left hand,'" Cannon said.

The football team also had time-honored traditions. One big motivation for the football team was the "Old Hickory Stick" tradition. The battle for the stick started in the 1930s when President U.W. Lamkin of Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) sent a 30-inch piece of wood to Eugene Fair, the president of the University. The two schools had been competing for possession of the stick ever since. The University



**ABOVE:** The Centennial flame burns to commemorate Barbara Dixon, University president, on the day of her installation. The flame burned for special occasions and memorials.

PHOTO BY KATE ANDERSON

fared well with 42 wins, 22 losses and four ties as of 2003.

"The Hickory Stick Game is the oldest trophy game in NCAA Division II football," Ware said.

The football team had other traditions as well. The team had sung the bulldog fight song after every game for over 30 years. Each practice also started with a senior providing a few words of motivation, and at the end of each year, certain members passed on articles of clothing for good luck.

Campus traditions, whether used for motivation or just for fun, always meant a lot to those involved.

The details that shaped Truman State University's academia were highly regarded. The faculty and staff upheld the University as "Missouri's only highly-selective public University," and in 2003-2004, the workload accompanied that motto.

To maintain high standards, the Liberal Arts and Sciences program adjusted its requirements. Students also had the opportunity to travel abroad, join a Pilates class or take a class for credit/no credit. Improved technology allowed for greater ease with scheduling and transcripts, while the campus had the chance to keep up with world news through popular newspapers.

Budget cuts continued to be an obstacle, but in a time of need, the University was able to maintain its image.

Each of these academic details worked together to amplify students' educational experiences.



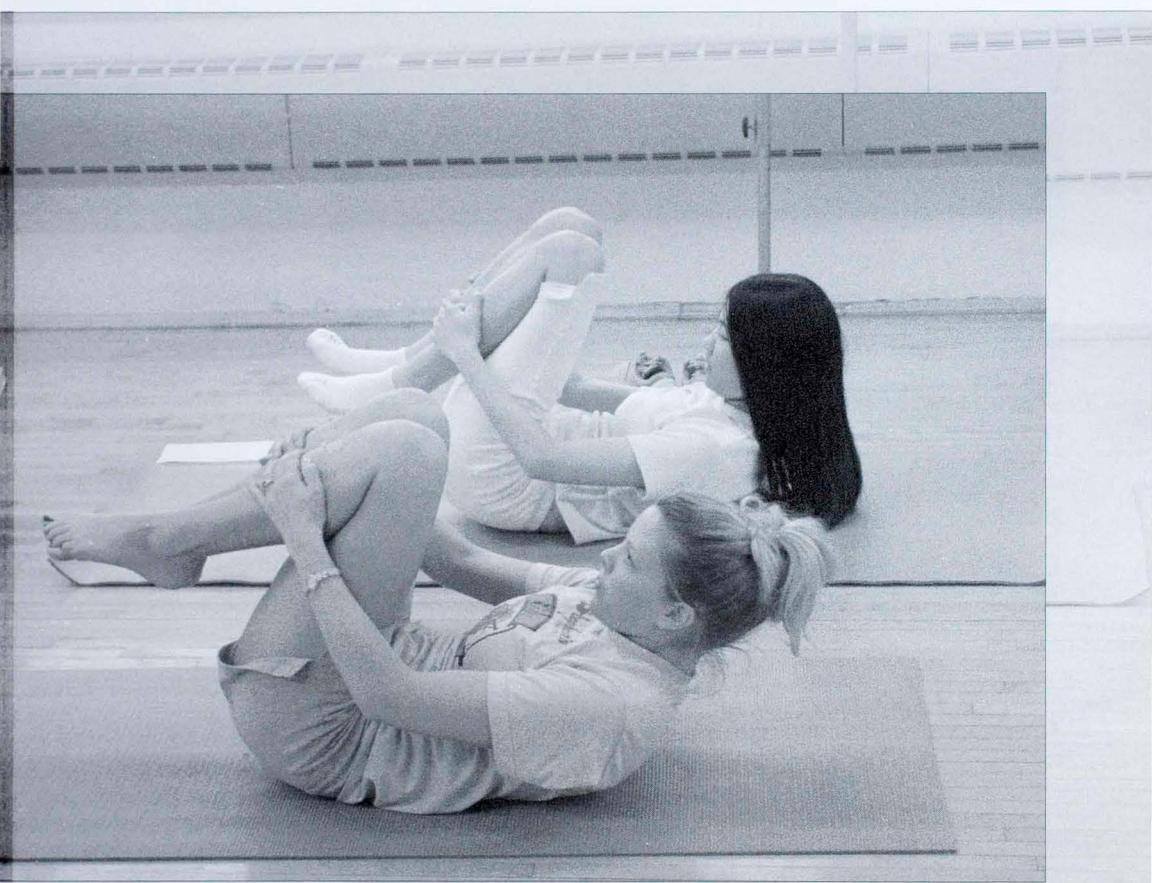


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# Welcome Banner Web

BY RUSS DISBRO

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**T**ruman State University was under contract with Systems & Computer Technology Corporation (SCT) to implement a new computer server system, Banner Web. Banner Web's features allowed students to access information in new ways and made valuable resources available to University students, faculty and staff members through the Internet.

"[Banner Web was] the site for you to register for classes, view your grades, view and pay your account balances, view course schedules and much more," according to the University Pipeline services Web page.

The need for change came as a direct result of student responses to previous system setups.

"Students wanted more convenience, more self-service capabilities for functions that they needed to take care of at [the University]," said Nancy Hoffman, Banner Web project manager. "The idea was to start moving us away from paper-based processes where a person had to be on campus to take care of business and to start allowing some of those functions to occur remotely."

Features of a fully operational Banner Web system included pages for students to check transcripts, see institutional-pay information and change personal-contact information.

"We'll be able to send targeted announcements based on major and class status," said Greg Marshall, Internet Technology Systems Web developer. "For example, if we wanted to send a message to all freshmen biology majors, we'd be able to do that."

Students played an active role in the implementation of the Banner Web registration system. Kay Anderson, interim registrar, said over 100 students participated in testing the system for bugs by pretending to register.

"We're in an age where students expect [good] service and [instant information] access," Anderson said. "Now with Banner Web, they have that."

Students gave feedback about the system in addition to testing for bugs.

"Right now the two things I like about [Banner Web] are that one, I can check my midterm grades and two, that they've given students real-time access to

registration to see how many seats [in a class] are filled," sophomore Stephen Broadbent said. "However, I'm concerned that with online registration, the system will crash with all the overload from everyone logging on at once."

Other students voiced positive opinions about the Banner Web system.

"It's a pretty nifty system," junior Jonathan Thacker said. "I like being able to get my midterm grades online and see my transcript."

Anderson also said that many people were excited about never using the registration tunnel again. She said the last tunnel use was for free add/drop during the first week of classes in January 2004.

Financial aid director Melinda Wood said the Banner Web system could cut down on foot traffic for students because it allowed them to check account balances, make payments and decline or accept loans online.

Some initial hang-ups occurred with Banner Web, though. Marshall said some students complained about the system running slowly.

"It is so integrated that you can't make changes easily," Wood said. "You have to be very, very careful about any changes you make to the system. I can't say that it's better University-wide. It's just different — something that we have to get used to."

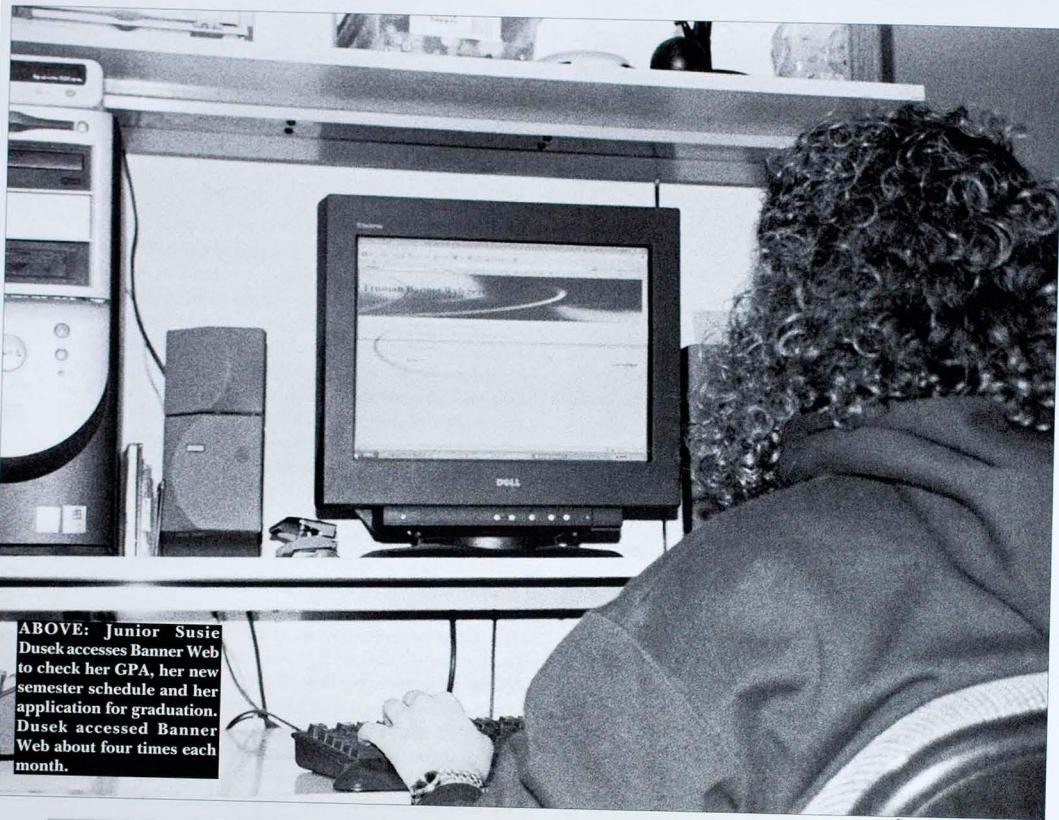
Some expressed concern about students using the system properly.

"Students are actually logging in and walking away and leaving that system up," Hoffman said. "If a student logs and walks away, and the system takes 15 minutes to time out, someone else can go in and look [at their information]."

Hoffman said students should protect their Banner identification number like a social security number because it provided so much personal information.

The overall reaction to the Banner Web system was positive. Students, faculty, registrars and others with tasks that involved paperwork and personal visits to out-of-the-way offices, were now able to take care of things online, with more additions planned for the future.

"It's good to get a Web interface that will allow people to have access to things from anywhere," Marshall said. "Once we get all the pieces in place, it's going to be pretty powerful."



ABOVE: Junior Susie Dusek accesses Banner Web to check her GPA, her new semester schedule and her application for graduation. Dusek accessed Banner Web about four times each month.

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## Banner Access

*Unofficial transcripts* could be accessed through the new Banner Web system. This created an easier task for University students and advisers as they completed student graduation applications.

*Financial aid* could be viewed at all times through Banner Web services. This let students view their loan status online instead of calling the Financial Aid Office or visiting in person.

*The open course list* could be updated instantly online for the first time during spring 2004 registration. This aided students in scheduling their classes. Students could also register online in spring 2004.

*New student identification cards* were distributed at the beginning of the fall 2003 semester. Students received new identification numbers in conjunction with the Banner Web system.

# Pregnant for a Day

BY KELLY KASPARIE  
STAFF WRITER

A number of Truman State University students were "pregnant" in 2003-2004. These nursing students were involved in a project that required them to wear a fake pregnancy belly for 24 hours or as long as they could handle it.

"My hope was that by putting on the belly that my students would be able to at least be able to identify [with] an experience," said Pam Gardner, assistant professor of nursing.

Gardner was teaching Maternal/Neonatal Nursing,

and the empathy belly project was her idea. The belly was a water-filled pouch and three metal balls. Two of the metal balls each weighed seven pounds and were supposed to simulate an active baby. When the person wearing the pregnancy belly bent down, the two balls moved like a baby would. The 35-pound belly simulated the experience of being eight-months pregnant.

Gardner let her students know that this project was optional. She created an alternative project for students to do if they did not feel comfortable wearing the pregnancy belly. Most students chose to wear the belly instead of doing the optional project, including a few of the men in the class.

Some of the requirements for the project were that the students had to interact with the world around them as if they really were pregnant, and they could not tell anyone the belly was not real.

"One of our students was at Hope's Kitchen and was washing dishes and had a little lady next to her who decided to lecture her about all the wonderful things she should be doing while she was pregnant," Gardner said. "That she should be resting, she shouldn't be standing there washing dishes having her feet swell, and she was not allowed to say the belly was fake."

In another instance, an international student from Africa, junior Ama Owusu, took a picture of herself in the pregnancy belly and sent it to her parents in Africa. Owusu let her parents believe she was pregnant for about five days before she told them it was a project for class. She said that her parents came very close to buying a plane ticket to the United States to take care of their "pregnant" daughter.

Students had to make a creative project of what it felt like to be pregnant for a day after they had taken a turn with the pregnancy belly. Some of the projects included videos, picture albums, poems and storybooks. They presented their creative projects in class.

Gardner said it was difficult to use the pregnancy belly on campus because students involved in the program jumped from not being pregnant to being eight months pregnant in one day.

Students noticed different reactions between people who lived on campus and off campus.

"They found the reaction on campus to be more negative than positive," Gardner said.



ABOVE: Junior Susie Dusek admires bibs, bottles and booties at the Kirksville Wal-Mart. The students were required to shop for their "expected babies."

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Junior nursing student Jessica Crites did not find an overly warm reception at the University.

"People on campus were very closed minded," Crites said. "People off campus were really nice, and they'd hold doors for you."

When the students reached out to the greater Kirksville area, however, they got some interesting reactions. Only one student was verbally accosted. Students found that if they had a wedding ring on their hand, the response from the citizens was more positive.

Junior Carissa Allen said she went to Wal-Mart with her boyfriend to look in the baby clothes section during her "pregnancy" when a lady approached them.

"She was just looking at the clothes and had been through pregnancy before and wanted to give me some tips," Allen said. "She told me to buy a size bigger in Faded Glory."

Most students said they liked the project and would be willing to do it again.

"Yes, [the project] was fun," Allen said. "It's embarrassing at times, though."

Many found that the experience outweighed the embarrassment, however.

"I had a lot of fun with it," Crites said. "It was just awkward being stared at all the time, but it was a good experience."

Gardner hoped that the research produced by these "pregnancies" would someday get published in nursing journals so more research could be done on pregnancy.

"My hope was that by putting on the belly that my students would be able to identify /with/ an experience."

-Pam Gardner, assistant professor of nursing

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-junior Jessica Crites

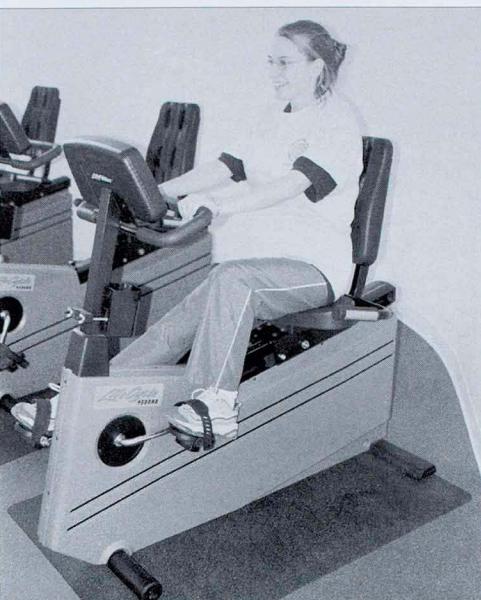


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ABOVE: Junior Carissa Allen exercises moderately for "the baby." The nursing students had to do everything a pregnant woman would do during pregnancy.



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ABOVE: Junior Susie Dusek pumps gas at a local Kirksville gas station. The Kirksville community was unaware that Dusek was not really pregnant, and people treated her likewise.

# I Internet Investigation

BY BRIAN RUSSELL  
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Some professors used a new plagiarism detection tool mainly for peer review functions. Others did not think the device was necessary. Still other professors did not have time to look into using the tool in their classes.

Truman State University invested more than \$4,000 for a subscription to the plagiarism detection Web site Turnitin.com during the 2003-2004 academic year. The subscription enabled University professors to submit students' papers to Turnitin.com, where the papers were compared to an archive of works compiled from the Internet.

The site checked for plagiarism and reported anything it found to the student's professor with a link to the Web site where the potentially plagiarized information might have originated.

Chad Mohler, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, said the reason the University subscribed to the Turnitin.com service was not so much to catch those who plagiarized after the fact, but to prevent the offense from occurring.

"It helps to prevent plagiarism by ... making students begin to see writing as a process, and in that process, it's a little bit more difficult to plagiarize," Mohler said.

Wendy Miner, assistant professor of education, said she did not see a need to use the Turnitin.com service in her classes. She instead required students when writing a paper to turn in all work related to their research, all of which she read. This made it difficult for students to plagiarize information without her knowledge of the situation. She understood why some professors chose to use the Turnitin.com service, however.

"It takes me a lot of time to read everybody's information, so in that way, it's a time-saving factor, and

it also helps discourage cheating," Miner said.

Arnold Preussner, professor of English, said he chose not to use Turnitin.com in his classes for several reasons.

"Mainly, I've just been too busy to find out about it, and I guess secondly, I've not had that many cases that looked like plagiarism," Preussner said. "The fact that I haven't at least perceived plagiarism as being a serious problem in my own classes has just led to the approach that I've taken."

Junior Audrey Keith said her professor, Sara Orel, Associate Professor of Art, used the Turnitin.com

service in her junior interdisciplinary seminar class, Gender and Culture: Women of the Middle East and North Africa, but she was not bothered by it.

"I think at first I was a little leery about it ... [but] it didn't really change anything for me because I didn't plagiarize in the first place," Keith said.

Keith said she understood why a professor might use the Turnitin.com service, but she did not feel plagiarism was a problem at

the University.

"I've never noticed a problem with [plagiarism]," Keith said. "The times people have a problem with it are when they don't realize what plagiarism is."

Mohler said knowledge about plagiarism increased with the buzz Turnitin.com generated during its implementation. He said Turnitin.com helped keep plagiarism occurrences down because it fostered discussions among University students and faculty about the offense.

"The use of the service itself has helped to inspire lots of different conversations around campus about exactly what counts as plagiarism or academic dishonesty," Mohler said.

The University hoped that using the Turnitin.com service would reduce or even stop occurrences of plagiarism among students.

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-junior Audrey Keith

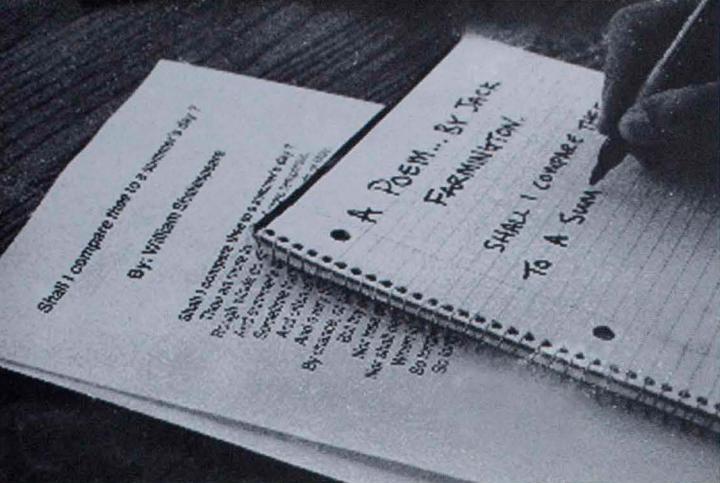


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**LEFT:** Some instructors try to prevent plagiarism by requiring students to submit papers to Turnitin.com. The site offered other benefits for professors, such as a customized home page and an online gradebook.

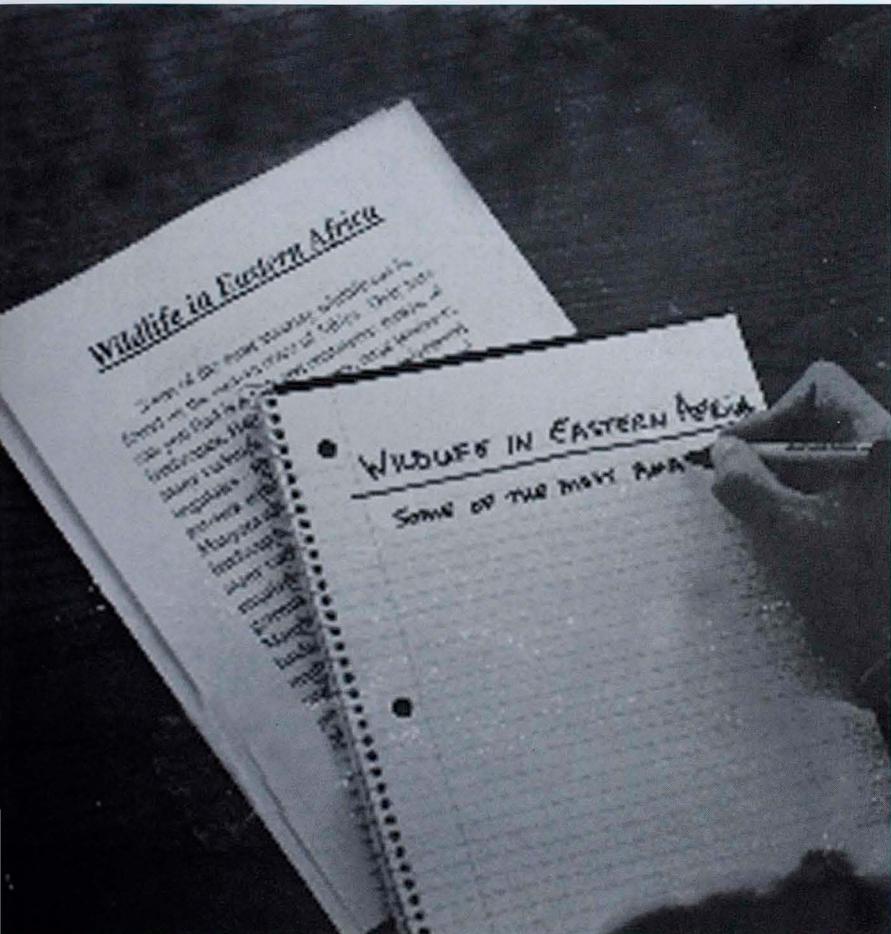


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**LEFT:** Students can find reports online and are occasionally tempted to commit plagiarism. According to survey results from the Center for Academic Integrity, 80 percent of college students admitted to cheating at least once.

# I Italy Immersion

BY AMY DEIS

STAFF WRITER

**S**eventeen students and two professors did not vacation at the typical winter spots over the 2003 Christmas break. Instead, they spent Dec. 26-Jan. 8 traveling through Italy, making stops in Rome, Venice and Florence.

Cole Woodcox, professor of English, and Julia DeLancey, associate professor of art, led the trip. Students who participated wanted to learn about the art history of Italy and also to enjoy the experience of traveling in Europe.

"The course focus was to look at the classical past in Rome ... but also to give students a chance to study and travel at the same time," DeLancey said.

Any student interested in learning more about Italy's art could go. Students did not have any prerequisites for the trip.

"We had everything from senior art history majors who've had eight classes in art history and others who've never had any," DeLancey said.

Many trip participants traveled to Italy with expectations of expanding their knowledge of Italian art history.

"Part of the things I did over there, I sketched for some things that are coming up in my show," senior Mike Lovinguth said. "I got some sketches of 'The David' and Michelangelo's stuff that you can't get anywhere else. You learn a whole lot about art history, and that's really important to the studio arts because you're constantly referencing them."

Woodcox and DeLancey set the itinerary of places to visit. Students had to see these places to receive the three credit hours for the trip. Among the traditional places they saw were the Forum, the Coliseum and the Pantheon. They visited the two largest museums, the Uffizi and Accademia in Florence and also went to the Doges Palace in Venice. Students had several free days allotted, however, for doing whatever they wanted. Many students took this opportunity to visit other famous

spots and further their knowledge of Italy's arts.

"In Florence, the Academy where 'The David' and 'The Slaves' are, the sculptures are half finished," senior April Behnke said. "The back is just a piece of rock and this form is just breaking out of the rock, and it's just beautiful. I loved it."

Lovinguth enjoyed being able to recognize famous pieces he had previously studied in his art history courses.

"You'd walk into a church and see something on the wall and say, 'Oh, I know that!'" Lovinguth said. "In person, you'd think, 'Wow, that is important.'"

Even though part of the trip was for the students' enjoyment, the other part was devoted to learning. The students had to complete about 14 pages of journals reflecting on the experience and also had to write a 20-page paper. A draft of their paper had to be turned in before they left for Italy. Each student also made an on-site presentation about his or her topic once there, and they had to make revisions before turning in a final paper after viewing their topic in person.

The students and professors who went on the trip enjoyed the differences in culture while experiencing Italy firsthand.

"In America, we have sort of this crazy work ethic where you're supposed to work 14 hours a day, and if you're not, you're not seen as a valid person," DeLancey said. "There you'll go to a shop, and they'll have a sign saying, 'Closed this weekend for cousin's wedding.'"

Behnke noticed another difference of their lifestyle.

"When people go out to eat, it's not hurried," Behnke said. "If you're at a restaurant for four hours, it's not a big deal."

Although the students enjoyed the traveling aspect of the trip, they did not deny that one reason for going was to expand their knowledge. Lovinguth enjoyed how art history was just as important in 2003 as it was centuries ago.

"I love the art, especially in Venice," Lovinguth said. "It seems to be a tradition still going on. They still like making art. It's pretty much ingrained in their culture."



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LEFT: Students brave the rain to walk the streets of Vatican City, determined to reach The Vatican. Students visited many historical sites in Italy, including the Coliseum and the Sistene Chapel.



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LEFT: Seniors Sarah Spies and Sarah Rutherford walk together as they enjoy the Italian atmosphere. Students had many opportunities to indulge in the Italian culture during the visit to Italy, including welcoming the new year in 2004.

# AApproaching Tenure

BY KELLY KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

Truman State University had a wide array of professors in 2003, but besides gender, race and age differences, instructors were set apart by their title of assistant, associate or full professor. Distinction between the status of different professors was confusing for many students.

"The terminology comes from the Middle Ages when universities were first founded," said Heinz Woehlk, language and literature division head. "An assistant professor was one who assisted a professor."

Woehlk, who had worked for the University since 1978, said these titles meant something different today than in the Middle Ages. Assistant professor was the entry-level title of most college and university professors. Instructors had a third-year formative review, which was implemented University wide during the 2003-2004 academic year. Instructors learned what they were doing right and what areas they could improve on through this formative review.

"It's a continuing process of learning," said Silvia Pites, professor of Spanish. "It's weeding out those that don't have it in their hearts to be teachers."

The instructor review committee consisted of a minimum of three people, two of which had to be from the instructor's discipline. Each division had subtle differences in the review process.

"In that formative third-year review and each year for annual evaluations, we will get requests," said David Gillette, professor of economics. "We don't have to comply, but we have the opportunity to make comments about colleagues at least in your discipline."

The committee looked at evidence the instructor submitted during reviews, including instances of successful teaching, excellence in research or scholarly activity, and proof that the instructor was contributing in a service component to the University. Gillette, who was starting his 14th year at the University in 2003, did service activities such as advising the Sigma Kappa sorority, chairing the interview project and working on faculty senate for a while.

The third-year review prepared University instructors for the important fifth-year review.

Instructors were considered for promotion to associate professor during their fifth year of teaching at the University. With the title of associate professor came a raise in pay and more status. The associate professor, after being promoted, was also considered for tenure in their sixth year of teaching.

"Tenure is a system of higher education designed to protect academic freedom, academic integrity in the classroom, so that the administration or government cannot tell the faculty member not to teach the facts about certain subjects," Woehlk said.

The associate professor was allowed to stay at the University if the tenure review was positive. The professor had a terminal seventh year contract if the review was negative and had the seventh year to search for a new job.

Associate professors would be considered for promotion again if they obtained tenure. Another major review was scheduled eight years after reaching the associate level to determine if they should be promoted to a full professor.

The associate professor became a full professor if the review was positive and everyone on the Board of Governors agreed.

"There's hoops that you jump through in your career and when you are fully through the last hoops of being a full professor, there is a little bit less stress of having to jump through more hoops," Gillette said. "Gosh, it wasn't any big deal to jump through the hoops. I didn't do anything extra, I just did what I felt like a contributing citizen in a community should be doing."

Most University professors did not feel that different titles were important. Their students and the impact made by teaching were more important to most professors.

"I think we have some of the best faculty on campus because, in my opinion, they are very dedicated to the students," Woehlk said. "Rank is a wonderful thing to achieve, and there are the tangible benefits of a little more money, but the main thing about working here at this university is being able to work with students."



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LEFT: Suren Fernando, associate professor of mathematics, talks to his students. Fernando became an associate professor in 2003. The University promoted 42 professors in the 2003-2004 school year.

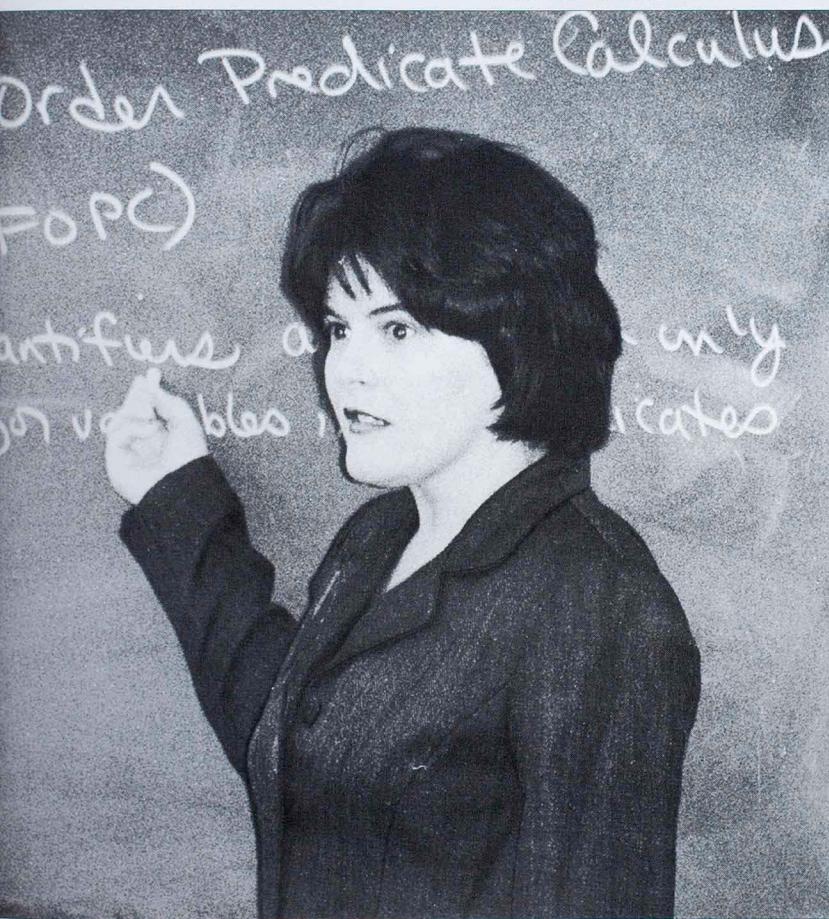


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LEFT: Ruthie Dare-Halma, professor of math and computer science, explains a new term to the class. Dare-Halma became a full professor in 2003.

# Taking it Easy

BY LAUREN SCHULTE  
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**I**magine taking a class and not worrying about getting a high grade, stressing over percentages and panicking late at night about what you had to score on the next exam to get an "A." It was almost every student's dream. However, this was not a Truman State University utopia, it was something students took advantage of every semester.

Many students and professors used the terms pass/fail and credit/no credit interchangeably, but the two terms had specific differences.

Students commonly took internships, senior seminars, freshman week classes and study abroad credit for pass/fail credit. The class was predetermined to be pass/fail, and every student involved would have this grading system. It only affected the students' GPA if they failed the class.

The credit/no credit option was completely different from pass/fail.

"The unique thing about credit/no credit is that the student has a choice," interim registrar Kay Anderson said.

The choice was to take the class for no grade. The catch, however, was that only "free elective" undergraduate courses could be taken that way. The class would count toward total hours, writing enhanced, 300/400 level, and the 63 liberal arts and sciences hours. It did not count for anything else, including major or minor requirements or Liberal Studies Program credit.

Anderson said Student Senate designed and initiated the credit/no credit idea at the University in the early 1990s. The faculty senate approved it and many professors recognized its benefits. The goal of such an option was to promote exploration outside of a student's comfort zone and encourage a learning environment where grades did not play a role. Anderson said about 225 students took classes this way each semester.

Junior Jaci Devine decided to take her Legal Environment of Business class credit/no credit. She was hoping to go to law school, and being a Spanish and communication major, she was unable to incorporate many legal classes into her course schedule.

"I considered it a fun class that I wanted to take and not one that I necessarily needed," Devine said.

Devine discovered this option on her own and thought it would help build a foundation for law school.

The credit/no credit class option never affected students' GPAs, and only the students, their advisers and the registrar's office would know the student was taking it as credit/no credit. Only after grades had been submitted would the registrar's office eliminate the grade and give a student credit for the course. An "F" resulted in no credit given, but the student's transcript would show that the student attempted the course. Five credit hours per semester and 12 total hours towards a degree could be taken credit/no credit.

Anderson said that students should talk to their advisers at length before choosing to take a course this way because of the long-term effects. Seniors were the most likely to choose this option because it gave them a chance to take a class they might have been apprehensive about.

Students chose to take a class credit/no credit for a variety of reasons, but not all of them were as positive as the original design intended. Some students chose to take a class credit/no credit after a few weeks into a semester when they were doing poorly but needed the class to remain a full-time student. This posed problems because the class would not count toward their major or LSP even if they had originally intended it to.

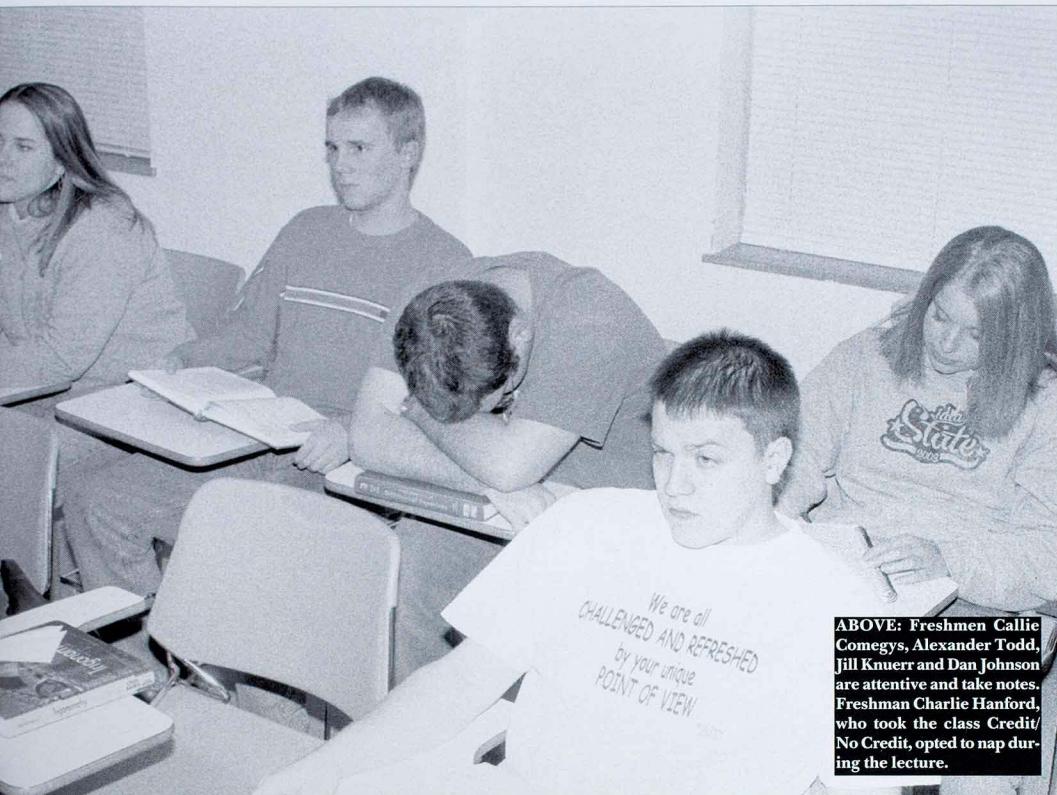
For those who used this option wisely, however, the true benefit was apparent.

Senior Crystal Schrage took an art history class credit/no credit during her sophomore year.

"I found it easier to enjoy the class instead of having to worry about grades the whole time," Schrage said.

The design hoped to provide students with an opportunity to enjoy learning risk-free.

"It helps to contribute to an atmosphere of lifelong learning and exploration," Anderson said. "It gives students an opportunity to pursue new interests and new fields of study."



ABOVE: Freshmen Callie Comegys, Alexander Todd, Jill Knuerr and Dan Johnson are attentive and take notes. Freshman Charlie Hanford, who took the class Credit/No Credit, opted to nap during the lecture.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE STACY

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-senior Crystal Schrage

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## Credit/No Credit

Students could take a total of 12 hours credit/no credit that counted toward graduation. However, only five hours could be taken credit/no credit per semester.

Credit/no credit hours could not be used toward majors, minors, or Liberal Studies Program requirements. However, students could take credit/no credit hours in a wide variety of disciplines

Credit/no credit was an option that students normally chose to take after enrolling in the class and becoming more familiar with the coursework and course load.

About 30 percent of students who took credit/no credit classes decided to turn in their forms for credit/no credit on the last possible day, which was also the last day to drop a class.

# Many Talents

BY EMILY RANDALL

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Truman State University was a school known for having an outstanding academic reputation. The University boasted a high caliber of professors, and one such example was Cole Woodcox, associate professor of English.

Woodcox was a man devoted to his students' education as well as his own. He had a Bachelor of Arts

Degree from the University of Utah, a Master of the Arts from the Courtauld Institute of Art, and a Master's and Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Oxford.

"He's one of those people who over the course of the years has kept on learning and goes interesting ways with his teaching, as well as with his own education," said Monica Barron, professor of English. "He doesn't just pull out crumpled notes in preparation for class. He really knows his subjects and is passionate about them."

Many students considered themselves to be busy, and Woodcox certainly understood. He taught a broad variety of subjects, including British literature, English composition, film studies, architectural history, art history and Italian.

"I teach such a variety of subjects simply because they reflect my own interests and life experiences," Woodcox said. "I get personal and intellectual satisfaction with these subjects."

Students quickly recognized Woodcox's passion for his subjects. He was a favorite professor among students for his expressiveness and humor.

"I have retaken him three times," senior Lydia Nobles said. "I keep coming back because he is just so interesting. He turns any dull subject into something cool. I would say he is one of the funniest professors I've ever had. Also, he's not afraid to truly get to know students. He's always up for a chat."

His teaching style focused on each student having a voice and an opportunity to participate in what Woodcox called the "creation of understanding." He believed in dividing the class up for discussion as often as possible to achieve such ends.

"My style of teaching makes participation easier, especially for the shy folks," Woodcox said.

Woodcox was also involved across campus. He



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ABOVE: Cole Woodcox works diligently in his office at the University. Woodcox had received honors such as the Educator of the Year Award and The Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship Award.

worked with Scholastic Enhancement Experience students, interviewed Pershing Scholars, conducted informal advising, worked with PRISM, helped with study abroad, raised money for the art gallery and made efforts to support his colleagues' activities.

Woodcox was also an active part of the global community. He was a world traveler and encouraged students to do the same. He was involved in the Episcopal Church, started the Lambda Alliance, an organization for gay and lesbian faculty and staff, and liked to cook.

"Cole is a good cook," Barron said. "He and I teamed up at the food fest on the Kirksville square, which promotes local fresh foods, and won first place. No one was more surprised than us, though."

Overall, people viewed Woodcox as a unique man and a highly respected professor, whether teaching a variety of courses, advising students, traveling the world, cooking up some fresh culinary delights or furthering his own education.

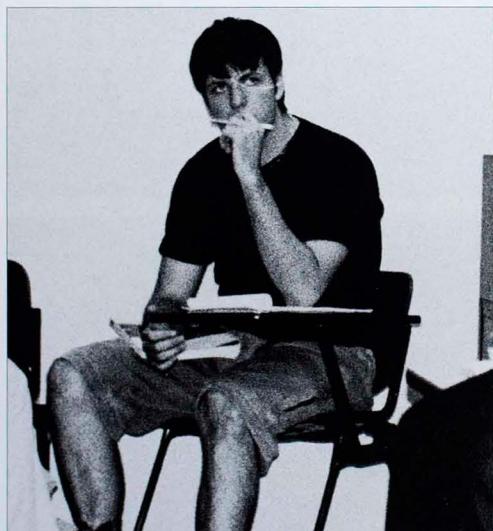


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ABOVE: Cole Woodcox, assistant professor of English, shares his film expertise with his Film Form and Sense students as sophomore Matthew Decker contemplates the information. Woodcox enjoyed traveling and had visited places such as Istanbul, Korea and the Current River in Missouri.

# D Defining Liberal Arts

BY AMY DEIS

STAFF WRITER

**U**pholding the title of "Harvard of the Midwest" was just one of Truman State University's goals. The University was set apart from countless others because of its foundation as Missouri's premiere liberal arts university.

A change to the mission statement in 1985 was meant to transform the University into Missouri's public liberal arts college. However, the mission statement did not go into affect until 1986.

"The process of actually being, not just being recognized as, occurred over a long period of time going well back into the '70s," said Garry Gordon, vice president of academic affairs. "It was probably a recognition of the quality and the excellence of the programs."

The faculty and staff rewrote the new value system at the time of the switch to ensure that University students would be more prepared for the world rather than one specific career.

"The liberal education is one that won't focus on anything," said David Christiansen, director of interdisciplinary studies. "It won't prepare you specifically for anything, so in that sense, it prepares you for everything."

The University required its students to complete seven of eight major education groups through the Liberal Studies Program. This guaranteed that students would graduate with a better understanding of all areas of study as opposed to an understanding of their major field alone.

"The whole idea of a liberal arts degree is that it frees an individual ... from provincialism. It frees [them] from perspectives [they] may have developed through lack of knowledge," Gordon said. "It causes [them] to question [themselves] and the world in ways that may allow [them] to contribute to that world."

Students who left the University with a degree not only left with knowledge to be used in their careers, but also with knowledge that was generally used in all workplaces.

"In the broadest terms, liberal arts concentrates on transferability of skills," said Martin Eisenberg, dean of

the residential college program. "To me, when I see the way we constructed the LSP, [one] can see this coming out that there are some essential skills ... writing as critical thinking, public speaking, well, that's the nature of communication. It's got a lot of transferability."

These fundamental skills were the reason the University was set apart from other public colleges or universities, but other factors also made it different from a traditional liberal arts school.

"We're unique as a liberal arts institute because A, we're public, and B, we are as large as we are," Gordon said. "[When] you generally think of a liberal arts institution, you generally think of small, private colleges."

University students could be confident that the education they received, no matter what degree they obtained, would prepare them well for their future careers.

"To me," Eisenberg said, "liberal arts at its bottom core comes down to asking yourself: What kind of person do you want to be? And how do you become that person?"

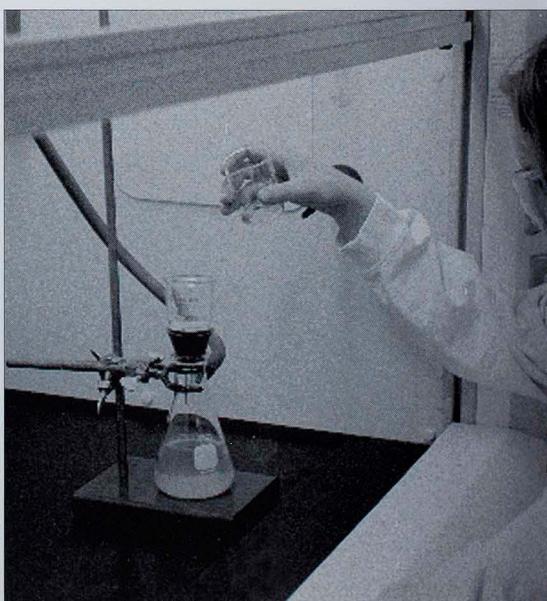




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LEFT: Senior Jolita Seckute explores the wonders of chemistry. Students had to take at least one life science class and one chemical science class to fulfill Liberal Studies Program requirements.

ABOVE: Freshman bass player Frank Richter and junior pianist Brian Baker play jazz music together. The Liberal Studies program encompassed a variety of courses, including music courses.

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-David Christiansen,  
director of Interdisciplinary Studies

# F Freedom in Choosing

BY CHRIS BROWN  
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Truman State University was known for challenging its students and had been called "the Harvard of the Midwest." Questions surfaced, however, about whether the Liberal Studies Program requirements were too restrictive for students who wanted flexibility and variety in their classes. An LSP implementation committee, made up of faculty and

students, decided to change the University catalog to allow for more flexibility in the liberal arts program.

"There was a concern from both faculty and students that the curriculum was too tight and that students didn't have enough choice," said Michael McManis, University dean for planning. "Some faculty and students were concerned about the calculus requirement."

Many options arose — one choice being to cluster the requirements. The committee decided after much debate that the new catalog should allow every student to drop any one of the eight LSP modes of inquiry.

Students and faculty discussed the issue during an implementation committee meeting.

"There was a lot of input through faculty governance, as well as a lot of discussion and votes and conversation within Student Senate," said Scott Ellis, science division head.

University students took advantage of this change. Sophomore Jeremy Brinning said that he wanted to drop the life science requirement.

"I had biology in high school and just didn't enjoy it," Brinning said. "I wasn't very good at it, and so if I can drop it, I might as well not take it. I don't want to damage my grade point average."

Junior Kristen Hollinger, who decided to drop the philosophy and religion mode of inquiry, had similar feelings.

"None of the classes that were options [for that requirement] really interested me," Hollinger said.

Students' choices concerning which requirement they would omit was as varied as the LSP program itself.

"The speculation was that calculus would be the most likely [to be dropped], but I believe the early returns don't confirm that," McManis said.

The changes in the catalog affected all academic divisions at the University. The faculty was hopeful, however, that the students would make good choices and that dropped courses would be evenly spread out among the divisions.

"We really won't have a picture until four years from now," Ellis said. "I don't really expect that over the next five years that change will have much of an impact on [the science division]."

One problem with the new system was determining



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KIM DICKINSON

ABOVE: University students toss out old coursebooks. The new 2003-2005 catalog was available in fall 2003 and offered the option of eliminating one of eight Liberal Studies Program requirements.

the process in dropping a LSP requirement. Some University students thought the new system was not well explained.

"From what I've heard, when you sign up for graduation, you tell them which book you're using, and that's all you have to do," Hollinger said.

Other students thought the process might be more involved.

"I guess I would just like to know what I am supposed to do or ... if I have to do anything at all," Brinning said. "I got the new [course] book, but I don't know what I'm supposed to do with it other than that."

McManis, however, said the mode of inquiry drop was not a secret. A student simply did not take a class in one of the required areas. The missing course would become the dropped requirement when the student submitted a graduation packet.

"I think the general feeling is, yes [the LSP change] is a good thing," Ellis said. "I think the hope is that this does give students a little more freedom in choosing their courses. And then the hope is that the students will choose wisely."

Brinning and Hollinger agreed the change was good.

"If people are double-majoring or have lots of minors or something, sometimes it's just hard to get all those classes in, and just having that one less [class] can make a big difference," Hollinger said.

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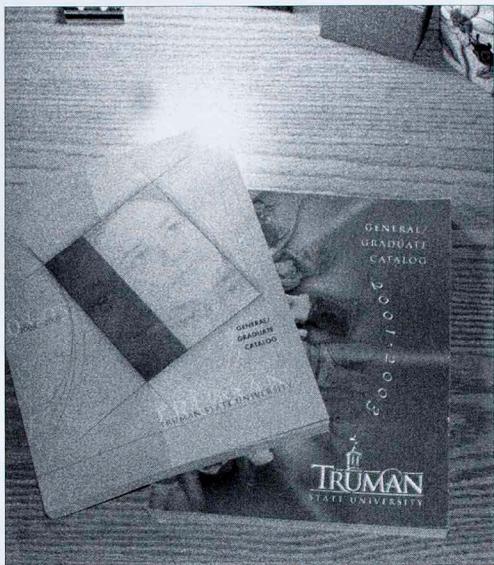


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ABOVE: The LSP change allows students to obtain double major and minor degrees with less stress. Students dropped a variety of requirements, including the mathematical and life science modes.

## Drop One Mode

*Students could leave one entry blank in the Liberal Studies Program requirements when filling out their degree worksheets. The requirement left unfilled would become the dropped mode of inquiry when students applied for graduation.*

*Mode of inquiry courses that were dropped varied among the different disciplines during 2003-2004. No clear majority existed among dropped requirements.*

*Those who preferred to stay in an older version of the University catalog had to take all eight of the LSP required courses. Catalogs could be used for up to six years before a student had to update to a newer version.*

*The eight modes of inquiry were aesthetic fine arts, aesthetic literature, historical, mathematical, philosophical/religious, scientific life science, scientific physical science and social scientific.*

# H Healthy Living

BY EMILY RANDALL  
STAFF WRITER

**S**norkeling, Pilates, backpacking and hiking may have seemed like activities one would have pursued over a relaxing spring break, but they were actually among the courses offered as a part of the change in structure of Lifetime Health and Fitness. Long dreaded by students as an unnecessary Liberal Studies Program requirement, Truman State University revamped the course for the spring 2004 semester.

Chris Lantz, health and exercise science director, began contemplating in 2002 how he could change the former Lifetime Health and Fitness course.

"I never liked the course," Lantz said. "I wanted to be teaching exercise as a process not a product. [Lifetime Health and Fitness] was a product model, and students weren't getting much out of it."

The activity portion of the course was the major cause for the change. The course had two major problems. First, students did not enjoy it. Lantz said that students found it an unnecessary course and often considered the content to be beneath them.

"I didn't like the class, which I took in the fall 2003 semester," freshman Jason Wilkis said. "It was the exact P.E. class which I took in the first grade. I felt unmotivated and usually acted downright goofy."

The teachers experienced problems as well because they did not particularly enjoy their classes. Lantz said instructors felt like babysitters and generally did not have fun teaching.

The course changed as a result. It split into two courses, which students took for 1.5 and .5 credits, respectively. One course remained the lecture portion from the former class. The new added feature was the additional course with a host of unique activities. The activity class had to be taken in the same semester as the lecture.

The coaches from the athletic department created

the courses. They could make their class whatever they wanted, with the only requirement being that it had to include aerobic and anaerobic exercise. The coaches, as a result, got creative. They came up with activities such as aerobics, basketball, bodybuilding, duathloning, Canadian rules kickball, lifetime exercise and activity, lifetime sports, nautilus weight training, personal fitness, Pilates, power lifting, swimming, snorkeling, Ultimate Frisbee, weight training, backpacking and hiking, beginning personal running, Chicago-style softball, soccer, marathons/triathlon/road race and team sports.

This buffet of fitness activities resulted in positive feedback from University students.

"Having been on kickball teams in the past, I was disappointed to find that Truman didn't have a club team," freshman Brent Cook said. "I was really excited when I found out I could take it as a class. I take kickball for the love of the game."

Kickball and Pilates were the favorite activity classes.

"I'm really glad I waited until my senior year to take Lifetime Health and Fitness," senior Natalie Preston said. "I've always wanted to try Pilates."

Additionally, University students who took the old version of Lifetime Health and Fitness were disappointed that they missed out on the new activities.

"I didn't really mind the old class but would have preferred more choices," freshman Savannah Helton said.

Along with the renewed excitement of students and faculty in the course, the new structure did not cost any extra money, which excited University administration in a time of budget-crunches. No additional staff was added to cover the new courses. The change actually opened doors for some coaches to teach more courses, potentially saving money for the University.

"In terms of interest, the only place we could go was up," Lantz said. "I think we have. I'm very excited about [the new course]."

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-senior Natalie Preston



LEFT: Senior Jonathan Waits and freshman Josh Backer participate in a game of kickball. Twenty students enrolled in the spring 2004 kickball course.

PHOTO BY AMY ORTEGA



ABOVE: Sophomore Laura Dittrich participates in a pilates class for her Lifetime Health and Fitness Activity requirement. Pilates was one of the most popular fitness activity classes among students.

PHOTO BY LORETTA PALMER

# The Final Test

BY LORETTA PALMER  
STAFF WRITER

**C**ollege students took hundreds of tests by the end of their formal education. Truman State University students, though, had to take one final test as a part of the assessment program before graduating.

This test took several forms depending on what degree the student was receiving. The two most popular senior tests were the Major Field Achievement Test and the Graduate Record Examination General Test.

The University paid for most of these tests, but students had several choices about the payment process.

Liz Story, assessment and testing secretary, said that students could pay in advance for the test and then get reimbursed by the University, or they could get a voucher that took about six weeks to receive after application.

The deadline for taking these tests before May graduation was April 15. The test dates and the way they were taken depended on the specific test.

"Tests that are like the MFAT and [Area Concentration Achievement Test] are given at night and they are usually at 6 p.m.," Story said. "Those are all in a big group, in a classroom setting."

Students took the GRE on computers in the Assessment and Testing Office. Students signed up for a time because only six people could test at once. Test takers received raw scores upon completion and received official scores in the mail two to three weeks after the student took the test.

Students applying to graduate schools often took another test in addition to their senior test.

"English majors can take the GRE for both graduate school and for graduation requirement," senior Becky Fleming said. "I don't understand why it's not like that for other majors."

Maria DiStefano, dean of graduate studies, explained that the University used the GRE as a senior test when a nationally normed test specific to that discipline did not exist. She believed that a test that covered both the University's assessment and graduate school admission would be wonderful but had not yet been achieved, mostly due to the objectives of the two types of testing.

"What we want to know from a senior test is very different than what a graduate school may be interested in knowing so as to determine whether the student is

admissible to the programs, whether the student should have an assistantship or such as that," DiStefano said.

Students only had to be in the 20th percentile for senior testing, so many did not study.

"I just think that it's another requirement that Truman makes you go through to make sure that they are the 'premier liberal university,'" senior Kamiah Walker said. "I don't think people put the effort into it, so I don't really know the point of it. I don't think it's a good reflection of what I've learned from Truman."

Senior Heather Wickham said seniors take these tests very lightly.

"Some people just fill in all the circles real fast and don't even read the test," Wickham said.

DiStefano would rather students take these tests more seriously for several reasons.

"I would hope that our students are generous enough towards the students who come after them that they would want to contribute to the University doing better for them," DiStefano said.

Senior John Spader thought the senior test was important to the University.

"I can see why they want people to take it because if there is value to the history department to see where they need to strengthen or if it gives them insight into what they are doing well and what they are not, then that's fine," Spader said. "I'll take it. It's just two hours of my life."

DiStefano thought that the tests were valuable to University students and programs.

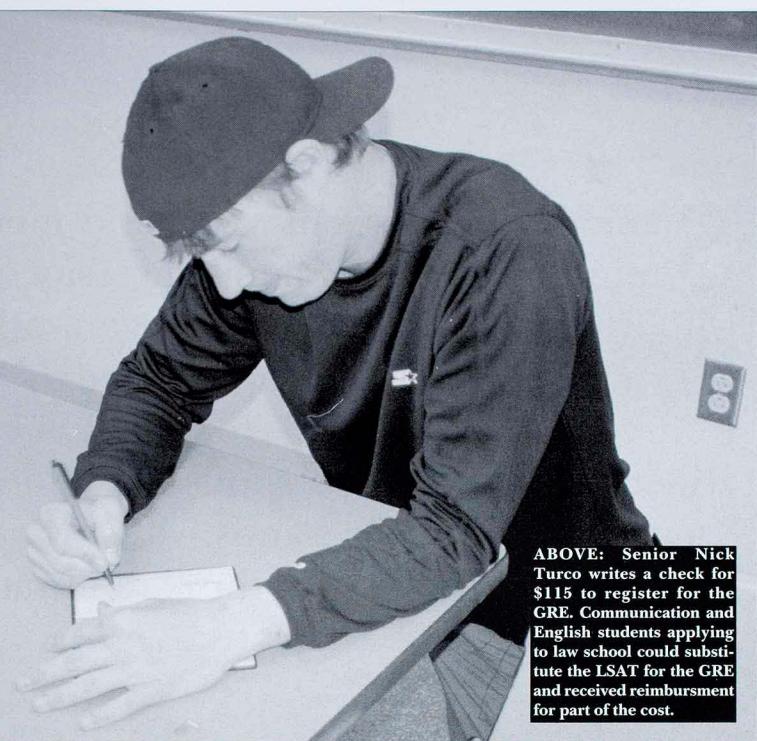
"[These tests] give us concrete evidence of how our students compare, how we are doing in preparing our students as compared to other institutions," DiStefano said.

Some disagreed with this method of comparison.

"I haven't ever heard teachers compare their teaching to what the test results are," Fleming said. "I've never seen any evidence that it's affected my education."

DiStefano said that if the reputation of the University continues to be good, then students' degrees would be worth more when they go to look for a graduate school or a job.

"By helping us re-examine our programs and improving them when they need to be improved, in essence you are helping to keep the reputation of Truman where it needs to be," DiStefano said. "So it will also benefit you down the line."



ABOVE: Senior Nick Turco writes a check for \$115 to register for the GRE. Communication and English students applying to law school could substitute the LSAT for the GRE and received reimbursement for part of the cost.

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## Testing Costs

Seniors paid \$115 to take the GRE as their senior test option. The University refunded students the money for this test one time. The cost was not reimbursed if they decided to retake the test instead of submitting their scores from the first test.

Seniors did not have to achieve a specific score or be above a certain percentile on their senior tests to fulfill the graduation requirement. Many students studied for the tests, however, because they submitted the scores to potential graduate schools for application purposes.

The Major Field of Achievement Test (MFAT) was to be completed as the senior test for the majority of majors at the University. This test could not be used for graduate school admissions. Students took the test at night in a classroom setting.

Most foreign language majors had to take a Language Competency test. Russian majors, however, could take the GRE as their senior test. Students could take the GRE as a senior test for graduation only if no test existed in their major.

Some of the most enjoyable and memorable events at Truman State University occurred with friends through campus organizations.

An eclectic array of groups existed on campus, from religious and Greek, to special-interest and athletic. Some groups sponsored speakers or brought high-profile bands, while others built houses or volunteered in the community.

No matter the size or extravagance, however, each organization provided a niche for its members. Some groups provided opportunities to perform in the spotlight at lip sync and skit events. Others allowed members to hold offices and gain professional experience.

Students also gained lasting memories and friendships through these organizations. Group activities served to amplify college life, making the late-night formals or day-long conferences worth every devoted minute.



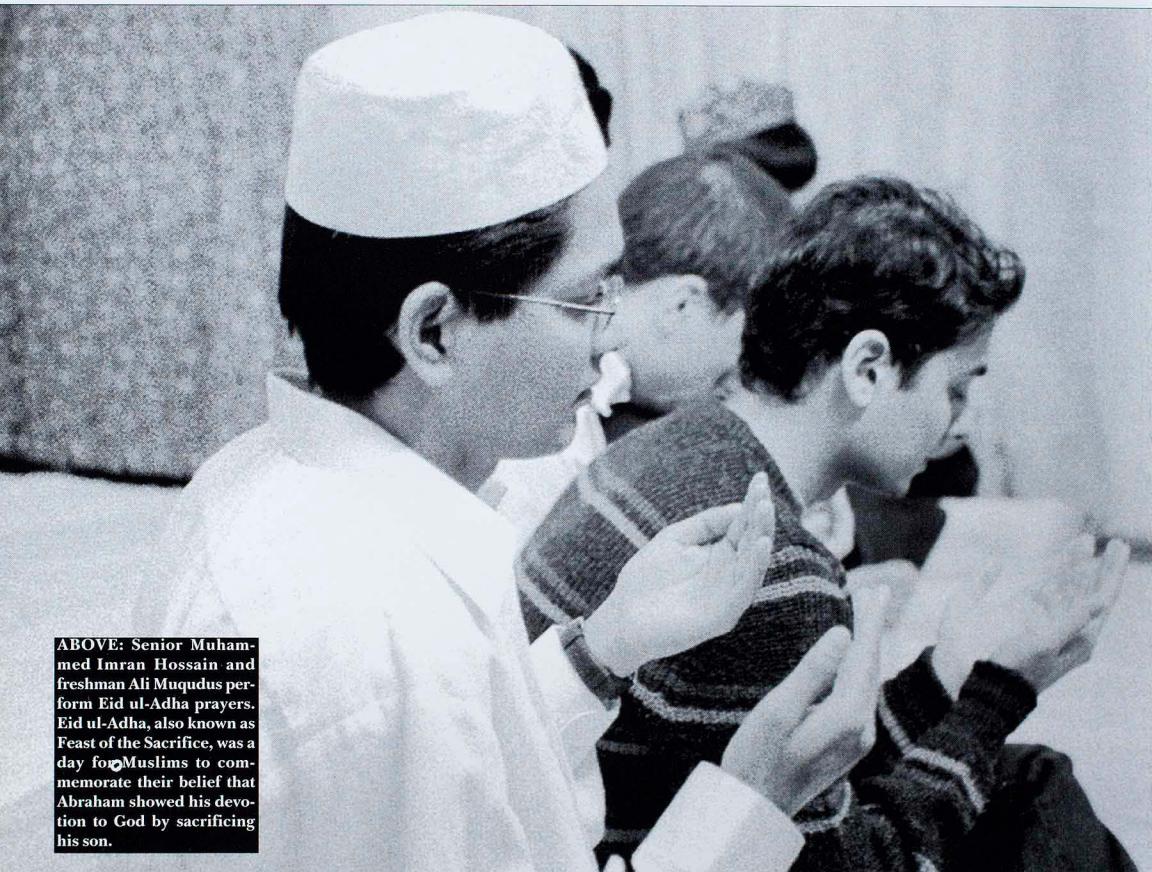
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# upholding their faith



ABOVE: Senior Muhammad Imran Hossain and freshman Ali Muqudus perform Eid ul-Adha prayers. Eid ul-Adha, also known as Feast of the Sacrifice, was a day for Muslims to commemorate their belief that Abraham showed his devotion to God by sacrificing his son.

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muslim students gather to create familiarity and an atmosphere of fellowship on campus

**BY PHIL HAGEMAN**  
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**M**any immigrants and international students came to the United States because it was a land of opportunity and a prosperous democracy teeming with endless job opportunities.

The education standards brought senior Imran Hossain, Bangladesh native, to Kirksville in spring 2000.

Lured to Truman State University by a lucrative scholarship and friends from Bangladesh who already attended, Hossain confronted a strange, rural culture with no recognizable traces of his Islamic background. Hossain, therefore, joined the University's Muslim Student Association to maintain his faith. He later became the group's president.

Hossain not only joined the organization to pray and share his experience with fellow Muslims, but he also wanted to educate the Kirksville community about the tenets of Islam and clear up any misconceptions people had about the religion.

"We try to convey the message that Islam is a very peaceful religion," Hossain said. "If anyone has any misconceptions, they are most welcome to call us or e-mail us."

Graduate Muhammed Moin Hoissain founded the Muslim Student Association in 1999 with students from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University. One of the goals in the group's constitution was to make Islam better understood by the University community. Members also wanted to promote understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims.

The group brought in speakers, including the president of the Islamic Society of North America and other distinguished Islamic scholars, to enlighten outside audiences with the wisdom and beliefs of the religion. MSA also set up discussion panels with other religious groups such as the Baptist Student Union.

"Everyone should seek information and knowledge," Mustafa Sawani, professor of economics and MSA adviser said. "Do not rely

only on Fox News. If you really want to know, you have to ask the people who are Muslims. Talk to them and interact with them. They are much better in person. Do not rely on second-hand information."

Sophomore Fatima Hasan, MSA secretary, focused on the group's second stated goal, which was to bring University and KCOM Muslims together and help them in their practice of Islam. Hasan took an activist role and persuaded Hy-Vee to begin carrying halal meat, which was meat butchered in the name of Allah and drained of all blood.

"Our goal is to make [Muslims] feel at home," Hasan said. "We all are part of one family. We believe in helping our Muslim brothers and sisters in time of need."

The group also worked toward setting up a scholarship for Muslim students. Another goal was to obtain a permanent place to pray and gather, much like the Catholic Newman Center and the BSU.

## Amplifying Muslim Students Association

- Muslims celebrated Eid twice a year — Eid ul-Fitr occurred the day after Ramadan and Eid ul-Adha was the 10th day of the last month in the Islamic calendar.
- Muslims sacrificed a goat or lamb during Eid to represent their belief that Abraham sacrificed his son for God.
- The Islamic calendar, created in 622 A.D., was 352 days long, with each day beginning at sunset.

# meeting the family

sororities invite relatives for a weekend



**ABOVE:** Melanie, John and sophomore Krista Anthopoulos share a meal together at Patterson's during Alpha Gamma Delta's Family Day. The annual event hosted 120 people, and 80 of those were AGD relatives.

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"I like to show my family what we really do. So it's nice to let them see what we're all about."

-sophomore Kim Thiesfield



BY BRANDI MOELLER

PEOPLE EDITOR

**F**riends, family and fun — that was Family Day for many organizations on Truman State University's campus. Moms, dads and other family members traveled great distances to see their children at their home away from home.

Sigma Sigma Sigma organized a day for the sorority sisters' dads to visit.

"We had a washers tournament, went to the volleyball game and we had a raffle," junior Lindsay Hunstein said. "The prizes were for the dad and the daughter both — like a shaving kit and a purse, a Truman t-shirt and sweatshirt, Truman glasses and picture frames."

A dinner for sorority members and their fathers occurred at the Lambda Chi Alpha house.

"We bought the food, but the Lambda Chi boys cooked so we didn't have to worry about it," Hunstein said. "It was nice."

The sorority also sponsored a letter-writing contest.

"The girls wrote letters about their dads. A committee read the letters and chose the best one," Hunstein said. "Nine letters were entered in the contest, and the winning letter was framed and given to the dad on Dad's Day."

Although the dad's day was meant for dads, the group welcomed other family members as well.

"My mom came because my sister and I aren't going to be home for awhile, so we asked her to come," Hunstein said. "There were about five moms that came."

Sigma Chi Delta also organized a dad's day. The sorority members had always sponsored a mom's day, and they made the decision in the 2002-2003 academic year to start hosting a dad's day as well.

"We planned to go to the football game, tie-dye T-shirts and have a bonfire," senior Jamie Dobbs said.

Although it was not a planned event, some dads made an appearance out on the town with their daughters.

"We plan a couple of events intermittently because some dads can't come until later," Dobbs said. "Then some of them go out with us."

Alpha Gamma Delta sponsored a family day that consisted of a dinner, banquet and silent auction.

"We had a performance before dinner — it was the True Men," sophomore Kim Thiesfield said. "We ate dinner, had a slide show, a father/daughter dance, the silent auction and we sang our songs at the end."

Parents sent baby pictures of their daughters to present at the slide show, but the sorority members were not aware of the pictures prior to that night.

"We sent the parents letters to ask for pictures, but they didn't know what it was for and the girls had no idea — they were really surprised," Thiesfield said. "We put their baby picture up, and then showed pictures of them now, and the slide show ended with pictures from events we held throughout the year. All the parents received a copy of the slide show."

Thiesfield's parents and her younger brother came for the family day and had a great time.

"I like to hang out with my sister," Steven Thiesfield said.

These family days gave the members' parents a good opportunity to visit their daughters and to see them in the school environment.

"I like for my parents to see what my life at Truman is like," sophomore Michelle Zieres said.

Parents also enjoyed supporting their daughters' sorority.

"We come to be supportive of our daughter and the sorority," Nancy Zieres said. "It's also nice to meet the other girls and their families."

It was a long trip to Kirksville for some parents.

"It's nice because my family is from Nebraska, and they don't get to come [to Kirksville] much," Thiesfield said. "I like to show my family what we really do. Sororities are hard to understand unless you are here seeing it. So it's nice to let them see what we're all about."

# no script, no problem

## a new blend of performing arts develops through an university improvisation group

BY KELLY KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

A new theatrical organization brought comedy and drama to Truman State University's campus in 2003-2004 but in a different way. Damascus Road, a program put on by the Baptist Student Union, organized a small group of people to put together an improvisation show for its audience. The audience was so receptive that the performers decided to develop the group and give it a name of its own.

"We enjoyed it so much, and there was a positive response from the audience we performed for before," senior Matt Marble said. "We thought that this would be something to try to continue and expand to get more people involved in."

The group officially began in October 2003 and adopted the name Sanscript.

"It's a play on words," sophomore Alex Johnson said. "Sans means without."

After Sanscript became a University-sponsored organization, they had auditions for new members. Auditions lasted two nights. All students who wanted to participate could try out. Students did not have to have a background in theater or be a theater major to participate.

Sophomore Stacey Hollerauer was walking down the sidewalk when one of her friends walked by and asked her if she wanted to go to the Sanscript auditions.

"I'm like, yeah," Hollerauer said. "We only made it for the last audition, and low and behold, [I made it]."

The students who started the group wanted to keep the acting troop small.

"We kind of want to keep it under 10, because we felt improv is something you have to be able to be comfortable with the people you are performing with," Marble said. "You have to realize what their strengths are and what yours are, be able to play off each other and kind of

have a sense of where the other person is probably going to go because you spend so much time working with them. With a smaller group, you are able to do that more."

Sanscript planned to do at least three shows during the year and hoped to perform at University visit days. The shows consisted of different games, which collectively lasted about an hour. Their performances resembled the popular television show, "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

"There is no script whatsoever," Marble said. "We get all of our suggestions and ideas from the audience. Whatever they throw at us, we have to work with that. It is really exciting to have that unknown aspect."

Rehearsals occurred once a week for two to three hours. Sanscript members played games in rehearsals that were similar to the games they played for performances. Games like Party Quirks, Diminishing Returns, African Chant and ESPN2 were some of the favorites.

"My ... favorite is African Chant," Hollerauer said. "The audience will give something that you will definitely not hear in an African Chant, and then you'll make an African Chant about it. It is just a bunch of beats and off-beat singing and chanting."

The audience also enjoyed ESPN2.

"ESPN2 basically talks about a sport that isn't a sport, say like lawn mowing or getting ready to go to work in the morning or something," Johnson said. "You'll have two commentators off to the side, doing a play by play on it. That generally gets a good reaction."

The group usually drew an audience of about 30-40 people and hoped that with better advertising, more people would come to see their shows.

"[Audience members] have a great time and hopefully see something they'll enjoy," Marble said. "You never know what is going to happen. That's an exciting thing."





ABOVE: Junior Nate Dendy asks the audience for suggestions for the next scene during a Sanskrit performance. Audience participation often dictated the performers' next move.

PHOTO BY KATIE JORGENSEN



FRONT ROW: Rachael Shedd, Liz Krah, Sarah Mulford, Alan Venneman, Diane Johnson. SECOND ROW: Melanie Jones, Lauren Durand, Jenny Oughton, Keri Esmar, Brandi Brown, Matt Spencer. BACK ROW: Jackie Griffin, Renessa Foronda, Hilary Wright, Jessica Bennett.



FRONT ROW: Chidulue Obiadi, Awanatu Koroma, Oseyi Ikuonobe, Shureka Cannon, Adedoyin Okunrinboye, Ame Esangbedo. SECOND ROW: Ene Igoche, Anasah-Wobil, Cindy Thomas, Jeremiah Gitiba, Jeffrey Sila, Abayomi Aiyedun. THIRD ROW: Ikechukwu Okonkwo, Samuel Edeh, Chizoba Ifeorah, Diane Igoche, Ruth Sabai, Daniel Sekwo, Egikemewa Anih. BACK ROW: Ifeanyi Elechi, Chukwuedozie Edward Nwozo, Melvin Omodon, Uchenna Edeh, Olumuyiwa Sowunmi, Amenyedu Adovor.

Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry



FRONT ROW: Anne Moody, Jeffrey Lange, Sarah Dorn, Rebekah Koch, Amy Williams, Jena Whetstone, Eric Patterson. SECOND ROW: Cathy Skosky, Nicholas Harbison, Debra Sullenstrup, Caleb Reed, Stephanie Tiemann, Peter Kelsey, Christina Robinson. THIRD ROW: Laura Moore, Mandy Bohnenblust, Anne Hadzic, Lisa Farley, Marjorie Hoffman, Ashley Jay, Sofia Kerbawy. BACK ROW: Tod Mattis, Joel Brockmeyer, Nathan Calkins, Matthew Marks, Jon Hoffman, Craig Hoehns.

Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry



FRONT ROW: Morgan Moody, Corey Koch, Alison Brockmeyer, Tom Everett, Jolita Seckute, Scott Hilton. SECOND ROW: Jessica Menke, Sara Jessen, Angela Soemo, Katie Anderson, Sarah Welch, Erin Beppler. BACK ROW: Kyle Hirschman, Jacqueline Weiss, Oliver Penrose, Lisa Schell, Andrew Linsenhardt, Katie Schembri, Gavin Whiting.

Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority



FRONT ROW: Tiffany Hendry, Sarah Clark, Katie Schwaller, Kim Thiesfeld, Lisa Mueller, Rachel Oetting, Mackenzie Smith, Sara Bradley. SECOND ROW: Jenna Feldstein, Erin Smith, Amanda Drescher, Meg Fullenkamp, Stephanie Amick, Teresa Martinez, Tiffany Tiller, Christy Schuster. THIRD ROW: Jenny Knight, Ashley Hoffman, Lauren Bolland, Maggie Sullivan, Angela Hill, Renessa Foronda, Krista Anthonopoulos, Kelly Voigtmann. BACK ROW: Marjorie Hoffman, Brook Sorrell, Kristina Licklider, Leslie Bayless, Jacqueline Maier, Bridget Evers, Anne Gumbel.

Alpha Gamma Rho agricultural



FRONT ROW: David Chappell, Matthew Sebastian, Justin Meneely, Adam Eichelberger. BACK ROW: Tristan Lovenduski, Tyson Helder.

Alpha Kappa Alpha social/service sorority



FRONT ROW: Shayla Lewis, Faith Givan, Adrienne Johnson, Tara Johnson, Siobhan Stone.

Alpha Kappa Lambda social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Dan Schulte, Morgan Silvey, Brenton Freeman, Adam Dockery, Jeff Sokolowski. SECOND ROW: Kevin Price, Jeremy Greshaw, Paul Vornholt, Rory Judd, Chris Bass, Tom Simpson. THIRD ROW: Stefan Richarz, Adam Dearing, Adam Johnson, Scott Whittle, Bradley Gillick, Kyle Pearson, Ricky Vigil. BACK ROW: Sam Hotop, Jarad Corzine, Chad Egelhoff, Philip Lapp, Dustin Barnes, Toby Frisch, David Trupiano, Jacob Scheer.

Alpha Kappa Lambda social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Kyle Johnson, Nathan Moore, Colin Stanley, Tom Quinn, Ryan Dodd. SECOND ROW: Joe Henke, Cory Riechers, Michael Aronson, Jeremy Pilkington, Jonathan Green, Noah Hill. THIRD ROW: Tim Branch, Andy Skosky, Danny Naumann, Pierre Mayer, Reji Jacob, Dan Bauer, John Mundloch. BACK ROW: Jonah Brotman, Joe Mooney, Dan Mooney, Zach Furst, Scott Stephens, Chris Lesinski.

Alpha Kappa Psi business



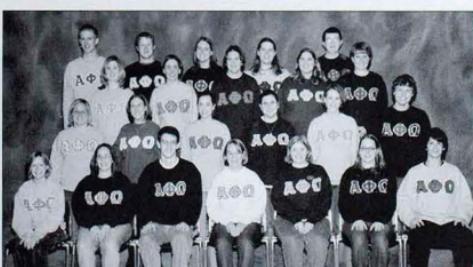
FRONT ROW: Dan Morley, Christian Lenz, Tommy Norman, Brendan Duede, Marc Tower. SECOND ROW: Brandon Collins, Michelle Walsh, Chelsea Bessey, Katie Wootte, Valerie Dwyer, Katie Clauss. THIRD ROW: Anna Hermann, Katie Kavanaugh, Kelly Voigtmann, Halleh Ghodrai, Stefanie Walters, Emily Lange, Greg Wang. BACK ROW: Matt Georges, Bill Overton, Tom Holman, Andrew Phillips, Eric Werly, Jason Wirick.

Alpha Phi Alpha social/service fraternity



FRONT ROW: Matthew Scott, Walter Washington, Albert Mbroh. BACK ROW: Benjamin Stewart, Kibrom Tewolde, Harry Cecil.

Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity



FRONT ROW: Niki Wilson, Jennifer Bordogna, Ross Rearick, Becky Ell, Amanda Rutherford, Elizabeth Bobzien, Eric O'Brien. SECOND ROW: Brandi Moeller, Julie Emmett, Jessica Nettles, Shannon Wilburn, Kristina Sis, Neil Meredith. THIRD ROW: Tiffany Marchbank, Elizabeth Carrington, Shannon Clarkin, Patricia Wojtach, Melissa White. BACK ROW: Dustijn Hollon, Nicholas Harbison, Laura Riess, Jacqueline Keely, Andrew Karcher.

Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity



FRONT ROW: Courtney Wilson, Kandice Kopp, Jeremiah Boehr, April Behnke, Greg Thompson, Eliza McKay, Marlene Clark. SECOND ROW: Rosanna Hernandez, Sarah Spies, Kristi Teal, Julie Hanch, Matt Lucas, Brenna Silvey, Kelly Pierce. BACK ROW: Matt Hayes, Erika Cortez, Stefanie Schroeder, Whitney Filicsky, Emily Lucas, Laura Thomas, Lindsey Heiserman.

Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity



FRONT ROW: Teresa Radomski, Sarah Cole, Gabe Kennon, Sandy Biszantz, Jen Galle, Katherine Bross, Jessica Tipp. SECOND ROW: Heather Happ, Abigail Schepker, Elizabeth Millford, Malita Winge, Mandy Tipton, Jenise Lichtenegger, Krystal Fox, Christy Anderson. BACK ROW: Katie Hartmann, Andrew Phillips, Matt Georges, Chase Carlisle, Scott Marquart, John Klein, Erik Anderson, Naoki Iijima.

Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority



FRONT ROW: Jackie Suelentrop, Jessica Arndt, Courtney Young, Ashley Taylor, Abby Bledsoe, Leigh Albright. SECOND ROW: Megan Lesczynski, Sara Landers, Kate Browning, Meghan Burkett, Erin Musko. BACK ROW: Amanda Brinker, Teri Applegate, Jessie Krause, Ashleigh Fritz, Clair Collins, Emily Griffard.

Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority



FRONT ROW: Crystal Warren, Lindee Weese, Alyson Watkins, Kristin Samuelson, Kara Hanson, Tara Schuler. SECOND ROW: Elizabeth Freeman, Libby Amick, Katie Parrott, Laura Kovarik, Debbie Webel. THIRD ROW: Emily Glidewell, Katie Cannon, Lindsey Unverferth, Katie Webster, Kathleen Dorsey, Trisha Gillespie. BACK ROW: Emily Glidewell, Laine Armstrong, Caitlin McCuan, Erin Boyle, Heather Webb, Lindsey Unverferth, Vicki Muhs.

Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority



FRONT ROW: April Owens, Brynn Weimer, Ruthie Russell, Erin Donohue, Sarah Mulford, Ashley Fetter. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Schellman, Jennifer Kempfer, Elizabeth Poelker, Kelly Bauer, Mandy Danneman. BACK ROW: Erin Plender, Rachel Gehner, Kim Winton, Jenna Meyer, Kelly Muncy, Ginger James.

Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority



FRONT ROW: Katie Kavanaugh, Tina Knese, Andrea Bax, Lauren Ayers, Lauren Mungenast, Sara Meulendyke. SECOND ROW: Sarah Weidinger, Alison Mayer, Carrie Miller, Allison Koebbe, Brenda Winking, Charisse Arens, Katherine Allen. BACK ROW: Dhara Amin, Katelyn Griner, Tiana Gericke, Erin Haslag, Micaela Leveranz, Lizz Rackley, Katie Gilpin.

American Choral Director's Association professional



American Marketing Association business



FRONT ROW: Matthew Tingler, Jennifer Duvall, Harry Cecil. BACK ROW: Renee Gordon, Brian Sevits, Meghan Callahan.

FRONT ROW: Natalie Hilfiker, Katie Ragon, David McCunniff, Steve Hankins. BACK ROW: Stefanie Walters, Heather Schubert, Debbie Cartwright, Tom Rataj, Abby Biondo, Liz Busch.

American Medical Students Association professional



FRONT ROW: Andrew Sack, Kelsey Aurand, Mark Vogel, Stacey Smith, Christopher Arwood, Bryan Campbell. BACK ROW: John Brockman, Amanda Turner, Jonathan Terry, Ashlee Brown, Erin Haber, Charity Brown, Chizoba Ifeorah.

Amnesty International special interest



FRONT ROW: Larry Iles, Shirley Luong, Narissa Webber, Jeanette Jackson, Nohemi Alvarez, Betty McLaine-Iles. BACK ROW: Adam Mutz, Amanda Jo Russell, Laura Burjeck, Naomi Birman, Laura Provance, Laura Kopff, Elizabeth Hobbs, Niranjana Bartaula.

Art Club fine arts



FRONT ROW: Megan Miller, Julia Karll, Lisa Payne, Ashley Kilgore, BACK ROW: Elizabeth Ebers, Matt Kemp, Jim Jereb, Jenny Bryant, Aaron Speropoulos.

Asia Club cultural



FRONT ROW: Ali Soderholm, Lisa Farley, Renessa Foronda, Kristine Grajo, Steven Chau, Brian Santos. BACK ROW: Shino Saito, Dean Yzon, Rubuyath Bahar, Il Kim, Kimberly Rogers, Gwael De Los Santos.



FRONT ROW: Paya Rhodes, Courtney Carter, Rubin Moore, Tammy Tolliver, Brandon Gordon, Kovel Walker, Karyn Stewart. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Drake, Kenya Taylor, Cindy Thomas, Lekesha Dean, Keisha Hatcher, Lashea Davis. BACK ROW: Danielle Leveston, Ashley Adams, Danielle Norment, Carissa Holloway, Patience Rhodes, Harry Cecil, Auriel Monroe.



FRONT ROW: Charlie Miu, Tim Suddartha, Grant Mulkey, Sarah Pulliam, Chris Molina, Daniel Thompson. SECOND ROW: Nick Francis, Angela Soemo, Amanda Becker, Courtney Young, Alexis Spencer, Elaine Wright, Ron Nelson. BACK ROW: Megan Rouse, Kelly Muncy, Laura Tabor, Megan Miller, Kari Hoebing, Melissa Schierman.

## Beta Alpha Psi accounting



FRONT ROW: C.J. Davis, Imran Jamal, Kris Kueker, Ruqayya Muhammad, Ayanna Bradley, Eric Kauffman. BACK ROW: Chris Sorensen, Amanda Sifrit, Jennifer Lovell, Danielle Hartle, Ginny Weidhaas, Mingjun Zhou, Ryan Durham.

## Beta Gamma Sigma business/accounting honorary



FRONT ROW: Andy Drazen, Shawn Doyle, Damon Thayer, Richard Goering. BACK ROW: Shawn Guethle, Cathy Poyner, Charlotte Price, Diana Steger.

## Beta Omega Beta special interest



FRONT ROW: Kristen Haley, Molly Pfeiffer, Katie Rose, Sarah Rutherford. BACK ROW: Carly Eighmy, Sarah Whelehan, Allison Atterberry, Tessa Bernhardt, Paula Hensley.

## Beta Theta Pi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Eric Yurkovich, Kevin Frazer, Marc Tower, Iain McKee, Austin George, Jason Bertram. SECOND ROW: Antonio DeMarco, Joel Reschly, Peter Howe, Samuel Murphey, Jesse Helms. THIRD ROW: Joseph Hankins, Tim Hargrove, Greg Seymour, Justin Cardwell, Steve Hankins, Dustin DeWitt. BACK ROW: Bill Leeds, Lukas Rhoads, Matt Hawkins, Matt Spencer, Corey Johnston, Chad Robertson, Pat O'Neil.

Beta Theta Pi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Ross Houston, Brendan Dueda, Tyler Nobis, Aaron Stewart, Jake Winfield, Matt Brawner. SECOND ROW: Grant Tower, David Mccunniff, Brad Birkel, Shane Reiser, Eric Werly. THIRD ROW: Chris Robinson, Clayton Sanger, Jon Hinesly, Mike Hoeh, Ryan Wills, Jordan McGaughey. BACK ROW: Brian Garrison, Greg Irwin, Dan Dubois, Kenny Keefer, Brian Snyders, Eric Hutchins, Joe Bredeholz.

Blanton-Nason Hall Senate residential living



FRONT ROW: Melissa Stroder, Sara Babler, Leah Young, Rebecca Seifert, Kathleen Redmon. SECOND ROW: Melissa Oscko, Kylee Montgomery, Amanda Nieman, Renee Remy, Angela Hoffman, Stefanie Davis. BACK ROW: Elizabeth Raine, Kimberly Wishon, Jenna Meyer, Sansanee Suwaratana, Patricia Garrett, Erin Pagel.

Blue Key honorary service



FRONT ROW: Preston Imhof, William Beine, Devin McCart, Andy Drazen, Brady Copeman, Austin George. SECOND ROW: Jeff Romine, Andy Brummel, Damon Thayer, Eric Yurkovich, Matthew Cosby. THIRD ROW: Matt Wilson, Matthew Fails, Jonathan Cleaver, Shalin Sharma, Aalap Mehta, Brennan Delaney. BACK ROW: Dan Schulte, David Piskulic, Shawn Guethle, Taylor Hall, Morgan Silvey, Rory Judd, Blake Stevens.

Bulldog Party political



FRONT ROW: Laura Keck, Jon Beckmeyer, Rachael Suddarth, Shawn Doyle, Stephanie Nigus, David Doellman. SECOND ROW: Remington Smith, Justin Fager, Mark Kirtland, Ryan Lewis, Grant Mulkey, Ryan Hager. BACK ROW: Alison Spinden, Cory Kessler, Kay Fancher, Leslie Contarini, Diane Gollaher, Maryssa Metheny.

Campus Christian Fellowship religious



FRONT ROW: Leigh Ann Bolton, Katherine Krahembuhl, Sara Moore, Melissa Oscko, Kelsey McFarland, Amanda Nieman, Amy Knight. SECOND ROW: Megan Galloway, Christine Bursch, Rachel See, Katie Wertz, Luis Meggo, Eli Klimek, Jay Quigley, Rachel Kenney. THIRD ROW: Melissa Sloan, Carianna Twaddle, Heather Wickham, Bobbie Brackett, Sarah Quick, Stephanie Goodwin, Kristen Bruce. BACK ROW: Eric Turner, Matt Heimann, Gail Kulczewski, Dave DeMoss, Daniel Gladish, Kelly Vogel, Becky Fleming, Adam Glick.

Campus Crusade for Christ religious



FRONT ROW: Jeffrey Roth, Jason Stanghelle, Vincent Bissey, Ross Coleman, John Griesedieck, Brian Baker. SECOND ROW: Chris Halsey, Sarah Starnes, Kristel Powell, Dana Schoonover, Michael Pippenger. BACK ROW: Jessi Meyer, Becky O'Dea, Joy Chisholm, Aaron Armstrong, Karen Schwartztrauber, Mirjam Schnabel.

### Campus Crusade for Christ religious



FRONT ROW: Ross Rearick, William Rearick, Daniel Gladish, Chris Tharp, John Richardson, Jeffrey Dickeper. SECOND ROW: Noel Sterett, Melody VonEnglen, Sarah Blackwell, Carrie Nunn, William Nunn, Michael Barbarick. BACK ROW: Maren Nelson, Katherine Schenewerk, Charity Richardson, Sarah St. John, Laura McGranaghan, Alan Toigo.

### Cantoria fine arts



FRONT ROW: Kelsie Morgan, Kristin McKemy, Sarah Bennett, Jasmine Fry, Dan Harden. SECOND ROW: Jamila Foster, Jacqueline Sieber, Jared Nichols, Jennifer Duvall, Matthew Tingler, Matthew Fieleke. THIRD ROW: Andrew Hardee, Beth Lasley, Michael Pippenger, Beth Chaney, Amanda Lortnson, Scott Stevphens, Garet Marling. BACK ROW: John Didter, Ross Coleman, Chris Gillette, Nick Cloud, Douglas Worley, Caleb Pautz.

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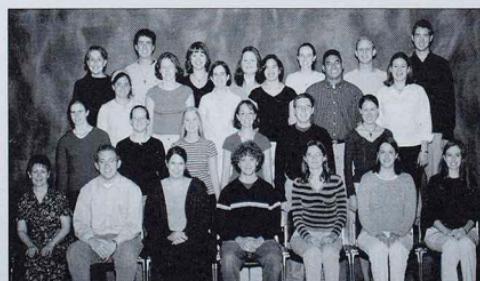
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### Cardinal Key honorary service



FRONT ROW: Katie Sauer, Kristin Walstrom, Jennifer Fuller, Abby Souders, Katie Allen, Robbi Kupfer. SECOND ROW: Melissa Wells, Candice Murdock, Jill Meyer, Emily Borchardt, Devin Weishuhn, Preethi Parmar. THIRD ROW: Sara Clouse, Katy Griner, Sarah Linke, Beth Zimmermann, Elizabeth Huit, Jennifer Glass. BACK ROW: Mel Polette, Lisa Sieren, Sierra Brescia, Sarah Matson, Allison Gaston.

### Catholic Newman Center religious



FRONT ROW: Bettie Lesczynski, Corey Witte, Julia Nieweg, Karl Hendrickson, Sara Seeling, Leah Reschly, Stephanie Sullivan. SECOND ROW: Allison Wenger, Sarah Tschiggfrie, Theresa Veile, Jean Bilger, Christopher Maher, Katie Gilbert. THIRD ROW: Jamey Johnstone, Lisa Hustead, Megan Otten, Twink Pham, Brian Santos, Julie Anderson. BACK ROW: Kim Zamastil, Ken Mayo, Erin Donohue, Sara Meulendyke, Mary Klein, Jeremy Henson, Alan Venneman.

### Circle K International service



FRONT ROW: Jared Erwin, Monica Stutz, Amanda Parke, Cole Thomas. BACK ROW: Carrie Palombo, Sarah Carter, Lindsay Lambert, Elizabeth Kruse, Stephanie Matthias, Twink Pham.

Coalition of African American Women cultural

College Democrats political



FRONT ROW: Pshyrah Madge, Jennifer Drake, Keisha Hatcher, Starr Skinner, Paya Rhodes, Chinaka Agwu. SECOND ROW: Ruqaya Muhammad, LaTrisha Gunn, Robyn Skinner, Jasmine Logan, Heather Porter, TaniEEka Hammonds, Karyn Stewart. BACK ROW: Janel Townsend, Carla Tillman, Amber Byrd, Yolanda Dale, Danielle Norment.



FRONT ROW: Ross Macholan, Evan Montgomery, Sarah Sholar, David Ackiss, Alyssa Warrick. SECOND ROW: Harry Althoff, Sarah Schack, Rachel Ohmer, Kara Beck, Chris Hamm, Ashley Phillips, Elizabeth Milford. THIRD ROW: Marisa Butler, Colleen O'Brien, Jennifer Gray, Michelle Riley, Tyler Page, Ellen O'Leary. BACK ROW: Chris Miller, Kyle Stephens, Sarah Brown, Adam Sundberg, Sean Phelan, Peter Norton, Matt Raper.

College Republicans political



FRONT ROW: John Griesdieck, Brian Baker, Marie Ireland. SECOND ROW: Jason Arenholz, Damon Thayer, Elena Seydel, Will Tollerton. BACK ROW: Megan Lenz, Robert Kelchen, Rachel Mohler, James Vollmert.

Communication Disorders Association professional



FRONT ROW: Sarah Borton, Morgan Hamer, Jennifer Smith, Rachel Schepelre, Rachel Martin. SECOND ROW: Katy Igel, Erin Davlin, Hilary Turner, Laura Runge, Cari Brummit, Jennifer Heath. BACK ROW: Jessica Schmidt, Johanna Conime, Amanda Moore, Emily Lucas, Leslie Mays.

Computer Gaming Association special interest



FRONT ROW: Christian Koebel, Adil Wali, Zachary Rice, Kevin Guilfoyl, Jon Baker. SECOND ROW: Michael Kremer, Eric Williams, Erik Buiatte, Phil Tebussek. BACK ROW: Ross Day, Ryan Woods, Caleb Stephenson, Steve Duepner.

Conflict Resolution and Mediation special interest



FRONT ROW: Mike Malone, Chinaka Agwu, TaniEEka Hammonds, Kristen Jones, Krystal Dorsey. SECOND ROW: Shala Garcia, Kara Gordon, Tammy Tolleriver, Shauna Whiting, Michael Houlahan. THIRD ROW: Justin Moses, Danielle Norment, Vanessa Hernandez, Sarah Deady, Kim Miller. BACK ROW: Brandon Gordon, Kovel Walker, Adil Wali, Ben Sonnenberg.

Damascus Road religious



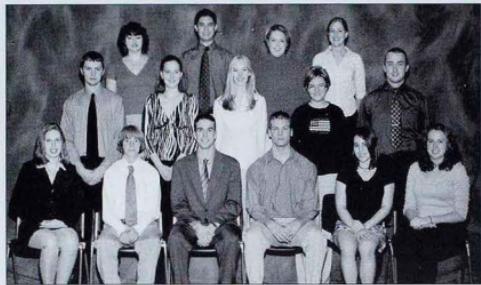
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Delta Chi social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Andrew Quirin, Tod Mattis, James Rosebery, Kyle O'Bryan, Michael Kwan. SECOND ROW: Chris Radigan, Alexander Horowitz, Andrew Stroube, Steve Olson, Scott Skinner. THIRD ROW: Zach Garwood, Eric Pogue, Karrick Thresher, Josh Sisson, Hugh Kennedy. BACK ROW: Jeremy Ross, Luke VanCleve, Steve Doeschot, Grant Dail, B.J. Filla, Alan Foster.

Delta Epsilon Chi business and accounting



FRONT ROW: Heidi Blackburn, Michael Herron, Shane Reiser, Greg Hammond, Samantha Sanchez, Ashley Walker. SECOND ROW: Mike Frazier, Laura Carroll, Heidi Struss, Sara Jones, Nicholas Schmidt. BACK ROW: Christy VanderStel, Ryan Carrico, Meredith Goodwin, Lucy Eberhard.

Delta Sigma Pi business



FRONT ROW: Thomas Barnowski, Amanda Romine, Darren Blosser, Malissa Riehl, Joshua Davis, Elizabeth Schmidt. SECOND ROW: Becky Fleming, Lisa Phelan, Jenny Comrie, Mary Shain, Robert Ready. THIRD ROW: Lisa Batchelor, Sarah Armstrong, Christina Mills, Abby Biondo, Holly Fletchall, Shaina Murray. BACK ROW: Justin Thomas, Darryl Walker, Thomas Schairer, Almas Tulepov, Steve Jones.

Delta Sigma Pi business



FRONT ROW: Ashley Terpening, April Newman, Stacey Berger, Alex Pham, Sarah Miller, Christy Schuster. SECOND ROW: Brittany Muck, Amelia Camarillo, Holly McAlister, Corey Showalter, Amanda Young. BACK ROW: Ron Nelson, Lauren Kistner, Michael Lawrence, Volha Yermolenko.

Delta Zeta social sorority



FRONT ROW: Michelle Pratt, Kimberly Lauer, Sarah Matson, Jen Galle, Nicole Huston, Natasha Vogel. SECOND ROW: Meagan Gebhart, Reesha Paul, Jen Williams, Sarah Stroesser, Erin Black, Elizabeth Mozingo, Michelle Brown. BACK ROW: Erin Wendling, Liz Bachmann, Lindsey Reorda, Laura Zahner, Emily Kirchner, Maggie Wolcott.



FRONT ROW: Roxanne Warner, Melissa Doosing, Kate Drosté, Katie Kelly, Kiri Haggans, Meghan Winter. SECOND ROW: Megan Morrissey, Rachael Smith, Rebecca Chambers, Colleen Krieger, Erin Sullivan, Breann Hazlett, Laura Nguyen. BACK ROW: Kayla Medley, Chrissy Colpoys, Jana Reid, Sara Mayer, Courtney Radtke, Theresa Hopfinger, Lauren Grana.



FRONT ROW: Natalie Preston, Heather Schwegler, Denise Hufford, Phil Campbell. SECOND ROW: Erin Pagel, Emily Randall, Jessica Rasmussen, Kade Schemahorn, Jo Ann Jorgovan. BACK ROW: Michelle Alford, Jackie Unser, Whitney McFerron, Amy Deis.

## Dobson Hall Senate residential living



FRONT ROW: Lisa Miller, Rachael Lynch, Stacey Lenberg, Bryan Jones, Ken Susman. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Welch, Kyle Hill, Keith Majors, Tim Johnson, Mark Kirtland, Jordan Bergsten. BACK ROW: Rachel Shelton, Megan Lenz, Idean Judah, Mary Hamera, Ashley Livermore.

## Echo yearbook



FRONT ROW: Jessica Lowe, Katie Storms, Melissa Allen, Brandi Brown, Chelsey Iltén, Brandi Moeller. SECOND ROW: Seth Gamble, Jenna Keeven, Emily Randall, Kate Anderson, Beth Kelly. THIRD ROW: Marcie Manns, Monica Kwiatak, Bernadette Batliner, Katie Simmonds, Kim Dickinson, Beth Spinney. BACK ROW: Peggy Amor, Marc Harman, Johnny Vines, Laura Blakely.

## Equestrian Team special interest



FRONT ROW: Meg Sorhus, Alicia Taylor, Nina Tobler, Carrie Huot. SECOND ROW: Katie Schembri, Anne Gumbel, Ashley LePoire, Lesley Sheridan, Rebekah Kruvand, Kristin Sparbel. BACK ROW: Cammy Mold, Sara Little, Laura Moore, Amy Bridgewater, Sarah Evans, Julie Meyer.

## Eta Sigma Gamma health science



FRONT ROW: Kim Kennett, Elizabeth Carpenter, Christina Degenhardt, Erin Cahill. BACK ROW: Sarah Shelton, Maureen Lonergan, Jennifer Miller, Magen Hembree, Sarah Cooper.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes special interest



FRONT ROW: Kate Sutter, Nathan Rueckert, Elisea Avalos, Eric Turner, Karla Jordan, Matt Brock. SECOND ROW: Kyle Hill, Alana Walker, John Scognamiglio, Lainie Bohnsack, Dominick Scalise, Matt Marble, Chip Sodemann. BACK ROW: Renessa Foronda, Candi Jones, Ryan Stewart, Candice Hoskins, Sarah Linke.

Freethinkers Society special interest



FRONT ROW: Ken Susman, Christine Schlosser, Jessica Pautler, Jane Song, Will Hodgson, Robert Moore, Katie Margavio. SECOND ROW: Garrett Crawford, Ben Schmidt, Peggy Amor, Lois Christensen, Dean Dennehy, Chris Engelbart. BACK ROW: Maryssa Metheny, Kat Eusey, Violet Poole.

Freshman Activities Coordinating Team special interest



FRONT ROW: Eric Yurkovich, Leslie Beasley, Lindsey Allen, Megan Lenahan, Maggie Wolcott. BACK ROW: Jack Rodemann, Beth Eckardt, Robin Taylor, Jamie Martin.

Funds Allotment Council special interest



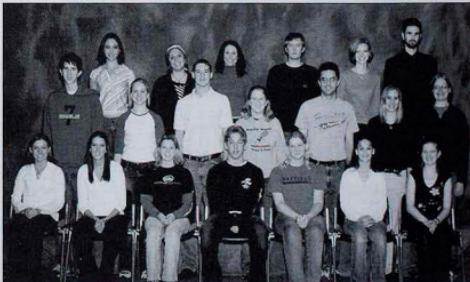
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Habitat for Humanity service



FRONT ROW: Katie Johnson, Alan Venneman, Alison Mayer, Katie Kavanaugh, Peter Howe, Anna Hermann, Chad Mohler. SECOND ROW: Katherine Bross, Jessica Tipp, Dana Schaltenbrand, Lauren Filla, Rachel King, Lindsay Kempker, Katie Arnold. BACK ROW: Mark Vogel, Robin Jones, Kevin Dyke, Katie Hartmann, Raymond Feilner, Christine Janson, Alan Foster.

Habitat for Humanity service



FRONT ROW: Brooke Liles, Kara Hartwig, Adrienne Zeiter, Craig Hermann, Sara Przybylski, Bethany Kroeger, Linda Schulte. SECOND ROW: Jared Pruessner, Megan Hasse, John Redden, Jessica Nelson, Micah Hainline, Katie Cathell, Christine Haring. BACK ROW: Shannon Earhart, Lauren Durand, Marcia Kottemann, Ryan Hager, Stephanie Nigus, Andrew Phillips.

### High Street Dancers dance



FRONT ROW: Tiffany Nelson, Stephanie Chriessotimos, Leah Kunard, Sarah Trump, Beth Austin. SECOND ROW: Christy Morgan, Jessica McCracken, Rachel Mahn, Kelli Scullen, Allison Doores, Jillian Knuerr. BACK ROW: Laura Tomlinson, Jessica Zuke, Allison Cusack, Erin Kolley, Lindsey Willett.

### Hispanic American Leadership Organization cultural



FRONT ROW: Matt Wilson, Eliseo Avalos, Vanessa Hernandez, Laura Corona. BACK ROW: Andres Delgado, Rafael Andrade, Nohemi Alvarez-Landa, Sofia Kerbawy, Brian Santos.

### Homecoming Committee special interest



FRONT ROW: Thomas Sullivan, Nathan Underhill, Travis Wesley, Winston Vanderhoof, Julie Jeffries. BACK ROW: Leah Vincent, Denise Smith, Katie Pederson, Kristen Carson, Ryan Walkiewicz, Robin Taylor.

### Horsemans Association special interest



FRONT ROW: Josh Schaeffer, Kathryn Smith, Elyse Ruckenbrod, Jane Wayland, Cammy Mold, Lynn Seary, Michelle Pinney. SECOND ROW: Emily Costello, Katherine Krahnenbuhl, Scott Lesinski, Leah Allman, Sarah Evans, Rachael Lanham, Sara Pendzick, Molly Wenberg. THIRD ROW: Ella Callison, Kristin Scott, Amanda Moore, Jamie Mucho, Emily Barker, Amanda Roberts, Lindsey Quinn. BACK ROW: Catherine Happ, Jessica Nelson, Suzanne Dusek, Maria Kaess, Lisa Field, Eliza McKay, Becky Stanley.

### Illusion Danz Squad dance



FRONT ROW: LaTrisha Gunn, Kimesha Hammond, Kenya Taylor, Auriel Monroe. SECOND ROW: Christy Anderson, Kelly Muncy, Leslie Blanchard, Lacey Schneider, Wynter Hollie. BACK ROW: Carla Tillman, Brooke Ruffin, Erica Kinnison.

### Index newspaper



FRONT ROW: Sarah St. John. SECOND ROW: Natalie Churhcey, Andy Meyer, Katie Volin, Samuel Murphey, Adrian Lorincz, Christina Collison, Laura Hordesky, Christina Carter. THIRD ROW: Keri Esmar, Mandy Carnes, Heather Schwegler, Tony Albrecht, Jessica Walter, John Scognamiglio, Ann Shirley. FOURTH ROW: Rachel Mahn, Amanda Sheets, Alison Bowen, Laurie Hahn, Whitney McFerron, Kalen Ponche, Megan Griffith, Penny Koester. BACK ROW: Conor Nicholl, Justin Weinrich, Tony Mathews, Brian Russell, Aaron Hawes.

### Indigo Question Winterguard special interest



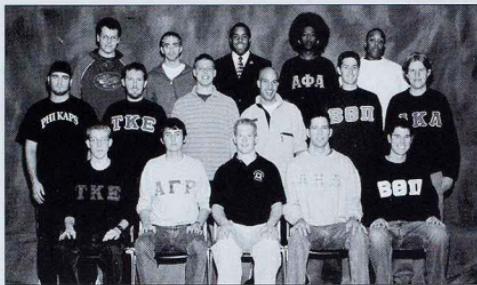
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### Interfraternity Council greek governing board



FRONT ROW: Dustin Barnes, Nathan Underhill, James Rosebery, Andy Sistek, Mike O'Brien, Jeff Henson. SECOND ROW: David Lusk, Colin O'Brien, Michael Kwan, Tyler King, Sal Costa. THIRD ROW: Matt Wilson, Allen Bowling, Ben Nerghe, Kent Frere, Daniel Zamora, Joseph Soetaert. BACK ROW: Adam Weingartner, Ryan Jennemann, Dustin Meinke, Wesley Nevans, Brad Culbertson, Andrew Quirin, Jon Peeples.

### Interfraternity Council greek governing board



FRONT ROW: Curtis Niezaag, Justin Meneely, Nathaniel Zier, Jarad Corzine, Andy Crossett. SECOND ROW: Paul Bealor, William Alexander, Nick Cloud, Aaron Myers, Kelly Gamlin, John Mundloch. BACK ROW: Jessie Dowell, Ethan DeCota, Rubin Moore, Kibrom Tewolde, Harry Cecil.

### International Club cultural



FRONT ROW: Waseem Wahab, Biplaw Rai, Kendra Knoll, Ruth Sabi, Brajwal Scharma, Samir Gurung, Yoshie Nakai, Shino Saito. SECOND ROW: Il Kim, Silke Dreifuert, Dighbjaya Ghale, Anna Halim, Kochiro Matsuno, Tamaki Izumi, Thierry Yungenge, Akimichi Urayama. BACK ROW: Yukiko Hamanaka, Na-Young Kim, Hidetaka Takemura, Rie Kofugata, Neeta Subedi, Jyoti Bastola, Truc Nguyen, Naoki Iijima, Kamala Gurung, Neelu Shrestha.

### International Reading Association special interest



FRONT ROW: Jessica Winders, Anna McNay, Jennifer Edwardson. BACK ROW: Corie Hufford, Stephanie Matthias, Cathy Clark.

### Iron Dogs Weightlifting Team special interest



FRONT ROW: Scott Hilton, Josh O'Hara, Zach Schluender, Ryan Stewart, Erin O'Brien, Erin Simmons. SECOND ROW: Jenelle Korneman, Chris Dothage, Greg Hammond, Aaron Armstrong, Justin Moses, Jennifer Aubuchon. BACK ROW: Elizabeth Swartz, Laura Varney, Meredith Venable, Melissa Doosing, Audrey Keith, Kim Kennett.

Islamic Students religious

Kappa Delta Pi education



FRONT ROW: Mohamed Elidrisi, Daniel Coate, Imran Hossain, Fatima Hasam. BACK ROW: Ruqayya Muhammad, Cynthia Khan, Raed Abushuwa.



FRONT ROW: Olivia Williams, Sarah Schack, Jessica Duggan, Amy Davis, Julia Dickens. BACK ROW: Pat Smiser, Lisa Hustead, Brenda Winking, Brandi Moeller.

KTRM 88.7 radio



FRONT ROW: Dave Deeley, Russ Disbro, Liz Abram, Jonathan Thacker, Danielle Gant, Katie Ramatowski, Chris Reiter. SECOND ROW: Benjamin Baker, Claire Maryniak, K.C. Kinney, Laura Ginsberg, Mandy McGinley, Marlo Warner, Rachael Soto, Richard Boggs. THIRD ROW: Laurie Hahn, Jane Song, Megan Lesczynski, Ashley Williams, Courtney Rakers, Anne Zager, Marisa Butle, Lindsey Welker, A.J. Peters. BACK ROW: Ryan Wolfe, Steve Duepner, Kim Wadhani, Bryan McClellan, John Klein, Jeremy Prenger, Chris Waller, Stephen Broadbent.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon criminal justice



FRONT ROW: Tammy Merline, Rachel Wilde, Meaghan Ryan, Amber Morton. SECOND ROW: Carin Thumm, Jennifer Neidig, Sarah Wisdom, Janell Wiscup, Jared Stevens. BACK ROW: Stacey Strange, Amanda Salas, Michelle Foard, Amanda Wolf.

Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Justin Weinrich, Andy Schumert, Jim Layne, Ryan White, James Martin, Eric Dearmont, George Pattison. SECOND ROW: Greg Day, Shawn McGuire, Brad Dohack, Colin O'Brien, Brian Meyers, Brad Zaffirri, Joseph Soetaert, Michael Shelton. BACK ROW: Greg Shelton, Adam Watson, Grant Collins, Craig Borgmeyer, Billy Waechterle, Lucas Brass, Nathan Gibson.

Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Darren Smith, Tim Gerler, Aaron Pearson, Nathan Underhill, Thomas Sullivan, Jason Murray, Jared Johnson. SECOND ROW: Brian Kelly, Kyle Kahlenberg, Dane Batson, John Palazzolo, Chris Steffe. THIRD ROW: Kelly Galster, Matt Smith, Alap Mehta, David Rosenthal, Justin Grout, Christopher Kehlenbrinker. BACK ROW: John Skevington, Brian Graham, Ryan Jones, Gordon Harrison, Doug Berry, Justin Urbanowicz, Aaron Hotfelder.

Lambda Pi Eta communications honorary



FRONT ROW: Keri Bodensteiner, Chris Miller, Elizabeth Krah, Chelsey Ilten, Kim Zamastil. SECOND ROW: Stacy Ortmann, Sarah Mulford, Brandi Brown, Allie Hauser. BACK ROW: Trevor Marlow, Kendra Knoll, Peggy Amor, Natalie Churkey, Anne Zager.

Lutheran Student Fellowship religious



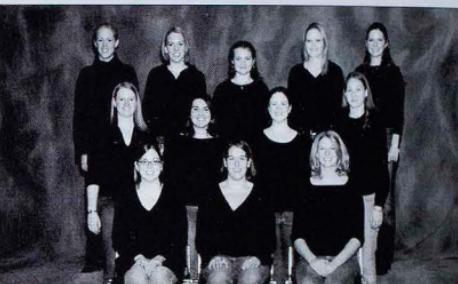
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MAGIC residential living



FRONT ROW: Taylor Simmons, Phil Campbell, Sarah Preisinger, Marin Swesey. SECOND ROW: Katie Simonds, Jenna Keeven, Berkley Arnold. BACK ROW: Daniel Kling, Casey Carroll, Emilee Simpson, Donny Roath.

Minor Detail a capella ensemble



FRONT ROW: Natalie Trent, Jennifer Duvall, Kristin Samuelson. SECOND ROW: Rachael Wareheim, Kathleen McGovern, Laura McGranaghan, Katy Davis. BACK ROW: Andrea Rabenold, Stephanie Smith, Meredith Venable, Lindsay Recht, Kelly Brown.

The Monitor newspaper



FRONT ROW: Zach Jackson, Cameron Moore, Nicole Rainey. BACK ROW: Adam Rendall, Andres Delgado, Chris Woodard.

National Education Association education



FRONT ROW: Amanda Perschall, Jennifer Roling, Corie Hufford, Erica Campbell, Jennifer Siron. BACK ROW: Brandi Moeller, Anne Schonhardt, Nicole Geisendorfer, Kristin Walstrom, Gretchen Ott, Stephanie Matthias.

National Pan-Hellenic Council greek governing board



FRONT ROW: Harry Cecil, Donivan Foster, Salena Mathurin, Siobhan Stone. BACK ROW: Wynter Hollie, Carissa Holloway, Matthew Scott, Rubin Moore, Ashley Smith, Javas Smith.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars honorary



FRONT ROW: Mark Vogel, Karla Wegner, Chris Arnone, Tiffany Tiller, Carissa Allen, Allison Atterberry. SECOND ROW: Sara Bender, Tammy Tolliver, Kelly Muncy, Jennifer Schellman, David Ackiss, Kimberly Wilson, Kate Suter. THIRD ROW: Lisa Grantham, Aaron Armstrong, Niki Cox, Janel Townsend, Carla Tillman, Salena Mathurin. BACK ROW: Danielle Harte, Ashley Lough, Ikechukwu Okonkwo, Mark Tower, Ashley Young, Christopher McKinney.

Nursing Students Association nursing



FRONT ROW: Natalie Bowyer, Hattie McDowell, Alicia Schulte, Carissa Allen, Ashley Carter, Katie Blevins, Twink Pham. SECOND ROW: Allison McCue, Kirstin Larson, Rebecca Gray, Ginny Pozzo, Jena Zeigler, Abby Kurtz, Lindsey Mentel, Katherine Ingham. THIRD ROW: Yolanda Dale, Janel Townsend, Salena Mathurin, Jessica Corwin, Jackie McCauslin, Jennifer Anderson, Karyl Winkler, Sheila Bauer. BACK ROW: Angela Suppasanathorn, Tanya Hentges, Joe Hassler, Jessica Corrik, Cassandra Scott, Suzanne Dusek, Kelly Bauer, Rachel Mohler.

Omicron Delta Kappa honorary



FRONT ROW: David Hoffman, Lindsey Reorda, Micah McKay, Eric Yurkovich. SECOND ROW: Jack Rodemann, Erin McManis, Damon Thayer, Kevin Frazer, Andy Crossett. BACK ROW: Micaela Leveranz, Ross Reule, Joseph Hankins, Kim Zamastil.

Outdoor Club special interest



FRONT ROW: Kenneth Carter, Joy Chisholm, Kristel Powell, Karen Schwartztrauber, Clarke Cooper. SECOND ROW: Jeffrey Dickemper, Scott Lesinski, John Richardson, Chris Halsey. BACK ROW: Corey Koch, Dan Johnson, Kat Eusey, Kaleena Wright, Adam Sundberg.

Panhellenic Council greek governing board



FRONT ROW: Dani Rawlings, Katie Sucher, Courtney Young, Pascale Barclay, Rachel Oetting. BACK ROW: Ilana Barash, Jen Galle, Lauren Campbell, Angie Arellano, Julie Gerecke.

# extra amusement

## departmental organizations offer social activities

BY MARY ANN MACCOMBIE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**C**areer plans dominated students' thoughts as they welcomed information provided by their department. Major-related organizations exposed students to specific areas of study and created opportunities for socialization and interaction with faculty.

"It's very important for students to make connections and be able to get involved in something," said Pamela Ryan, assistant professor of mathematics and chairwoman of the Mathematics and Computer Science Student Support Committee. "Either get to know a faculty member well or get involved in a student organization."

Involvement in a departmental organization was often important in predicting a Truman State University student's continued success.

"If they don't, it's really hard to become part of the community," Ryan said.

The University did not offer a pre-veterinary major, so students interested in veterinary medicine found that the Pre-Veterinary Club provided essential information and veterinary-related activities.

"[The Pre-Veterinary Club] helps prepare us," senior Susan Meierhoff said. "You learn things like what classes to take, and if you weren't in the club, you wouldn't necessarily hear the recommendations of other, older pre-veterinary students."

Leadership roles involved creative approaches to teaching necessary pre-veterinary skills.

"We do hands-on meetings where we do suturing [for example]," said senior Diana Bull, Pre-Veterinary

Club president. "We bring out the needles and forceps and suture bananas and practice how to tie knots. I teach them how to do that."

Another group, Society of Physics Students, met every other week and socialized over pizza. Members offered free tutoring for University students taking introductory physics. The group also gave presentations to area high school and elementary physics classes and attended zone meetings, where members from all SPS chapters in zone 12 — Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma — joined them for research presentations and social activities.

Sophomore David Shane said he did volunteer physics tutoring Monday through Thursday nights.

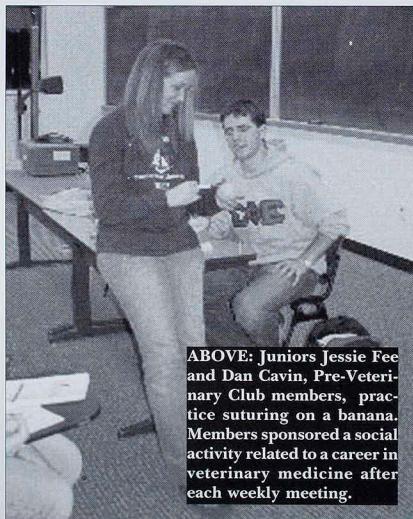
"At the end of physics tutoring, when there's nothing to do, I usually fill the chalkboard with [physics] quotes," Shane said.

Students interested in mathematics had a variety of organizations to choose from, including the Mathematical Association of America and Mathematics Students for Secondary Education, both of which fell under the Mathematics and Computer Science Student Support Committee.

MAA members met every two weeks to work math problems and help sponsor Games Night, where students and faculty shared their favorite board games.

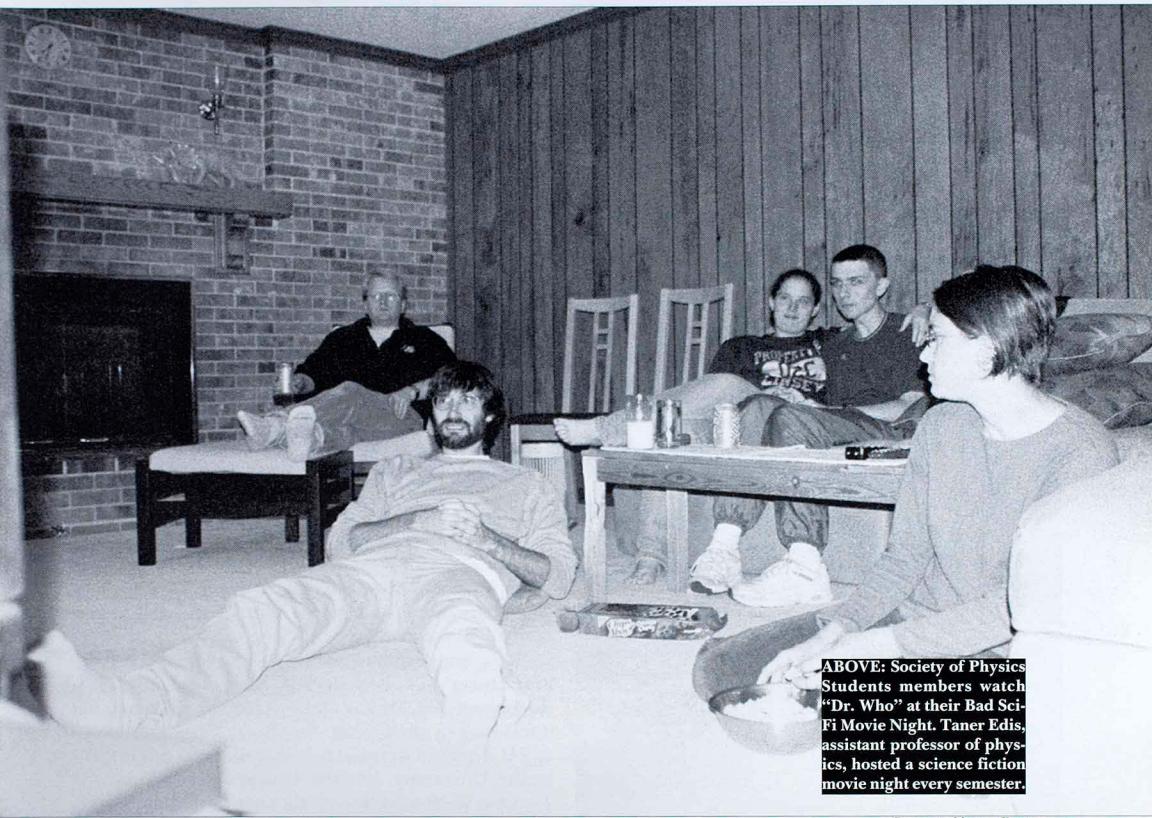
"We played Boggle, Cranium and Set, which is a logic game," said senior Kelly Steinmetz, MAA president and MASSE member. "We just got together and hung-out."

The Pre-Veterinary Club, SPS, MAA and MASSE had membership of about 20 students each. Students attended club meetings and events to learn and socialize with others who shared their interests.



ABOVE: Juniors Jessie Fee and Dan Cavin, Pre-Veterinary Club members, practice suturing on a banana. Members sponsored a social activity related to a career in veterinary medicine after each weekly meeting.

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**ABOVE:** Society of Physics Students members watch "Dr. Who" at their Bad Sci-Fi Movie Night. Taner Edis, assistant professor of physics, hosted a science fiction movie night every semester.

PHOTO BY MONICA KWIATEK

"You learn things like what classes to take, and if you weren't in the club, you wouldn't necessarily hear the recommendations of other, older pre-vet students."

-senior Susan Meierhoff

**LEFT:** Members of Phi Epsilon Kappa and Eta Sigma Gamma play volleyball at the health and exercise science Fun Night. About 50 members attended the first Fun Night in December 2003.

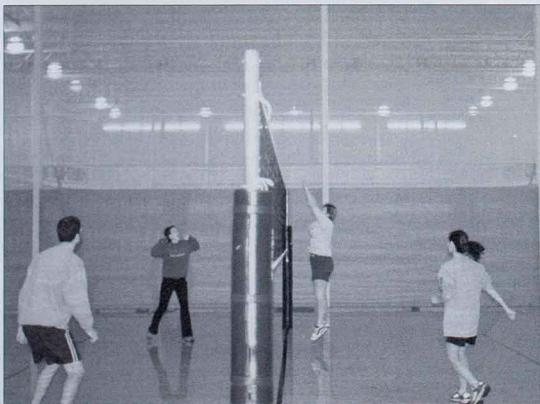
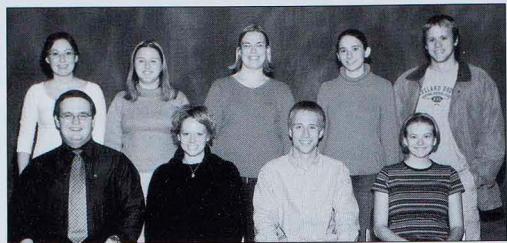
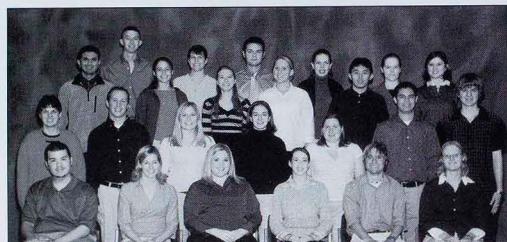


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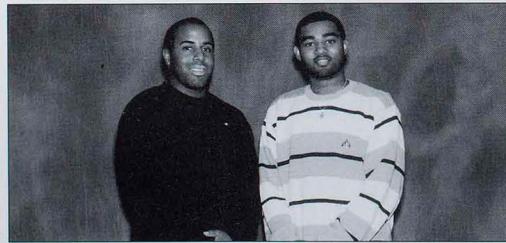
FRONT ROW: Matthew Tingler, Melanie Dunn, Robert Kelchen, Jennifer Haslag.  
BACK ROW: Anna Hermann, Michelle Byington, Christine Janson, Sarah Billing, Jim Farnsworth.

Phi Beta Lambda business



FRONT ROW: David Johnson, Jen Galle, Lori Grechus, Jenny Allemann, Mark Hoger, Amanda Parke. SECOND ROW: Cathy Poyner, Jason Ruggenberg, Katherine Bross, Jessica Tipp, Sarah Cole, Ryan Carrico, Bryan Jones. THIRD ROW: Imran Jamal, Dana Schaltenbrand, Natasha Vogel, Nicole Huston, Naomi Iijima, Kara Anderson. BACK ROW: Kyle Gifford, Rachel DeWilde, Damon Thayer, Heidi Blackburn, Kristy Batson.

Phi Beta Sigma social fraternity



FRONT ROW: Rubin Moore, Domivan Foster.

# limited exposure

BY DOMINICK SCALISE

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Incoming freshmen faced a whirlwind of opportunity as soon as they set foot on Truman State University's campus on Aug. 17, 2003, during Truman Week. The First-year Activities Coordinating Team led most of these Truman Week activities, but the University allowed certain organizations to also host events for the newcomers.

Not all organizations possessed the same privileges during Truman Week, however.

FACT planned daily events throughout the week. Its job was to generate new ideas to make the week more enjoyable and to see each event through to its end.

Some of the events were an ice cream social, Red Barn Park picnic and Montage. Junior FACT member Jack Rodemann said working as part of the group was difficult but rewarding.

"We planned all the nightly events, held meetings to brainstorm and then worked each event at night," Rodemann said. "It was a little challenging at times, but it was really a good experience."

FACT played a crucial role in freshmen's adjustment to the University, but the University restricted the Truman Week activities of other organizations. Among those affected were Greek organizations and religious groups. The Greek community could not sponsor any official activities, and religious groups were limited on how much they could do in one day.

Kim Schlanger, Campus Christian Fellowship women's minister, headed her organization's Truman Week planning. She experienced some anxiety in dealing with the event restrictions during Truman Week but said she respected the University for protecting the new students' time.

"We were only allowed to hold official events from around 4:30 [p.m.] to 6:30 [p.m.] during the week," Schlanger said. "It was sometimes a pain dealing with all the red tape and praying that there wasn't some mystery office we forgot to notify, but this year [the University] loosened up a lot of restrictions, which made it nice."

# university restrictions on campus organizations during truman week causes student interest to decline

The Truman Week policy also placed restrictions on Baptist Student Union members. Junior Grant Mulkey, a BSU leader, said he noticed a decline in freshmen attending their Truman Week activities in 2003.

"This year [FACT] gave the first-year students a pretty full schedule, and because of that, I think our turnout was lower than it had been in the past," Mulkey said.

Freshman Ashley Noble agreed with Mulkey. She said FACT's attempt to ease the college transition could have been less vigorous.

"It kind of felt like camp," Noble said. "There was no time to sit down and just breathe."

A slight difference separated the Greek community from the religious groups on campus. The University prohibited Greek organizations from sponsoring any event during Truman Week.

Senior Julie Gerecke, a Sigma Kappa member and Panhellenic director, said she did not mind these restrictions. Gerecke said the rules prevented potential members from bringing their friends along to a sorority-sponsored event and becoming upset if their friends did not make the cut during recruitment.

"What happens if they don't make it," she said. "The girls could be very upset."

Gerecke also said her sorority did not recruit during Truman Week. This allowed members to invest more time in planning their recruitment process.

FACT sponsored an event every night, but although these events attracted many freshmen, some activities did not capture the new students' interest.

"I was at the ice cream social just long enough to get some ice cream and get out," Noble said. "There were just too many people there."

FACT kept the new students busy during Freshman Week, but some students wondered if freshmen could have benefited further from experiencing other groups as well.



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ABOVE: Senior Trina Koube and sophomore Ben Sonnenberg display the winning cup from the College Cup Challenge. Grim Hall won the challenge by earning the most points in individual and team events during Truman Week.



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LEFT: Missouri Hall residents perform "Greased Lightning" at the Lip Sync competition during Truman Week. MO Hall won the competition based on its originality, stage presence, choreography and audience response.

# coming out with style

prism raises student awareness



ABOVE: Senior Abigail Swetz reads poetry at Prism's final Coming Out Week event. October was also Gay and Lesbian History Month.

"We just wanted to show people that we were just like everyone else. We work out and do other normal things, too."

-junior Nicole Roesch

BY LIZ KRAH  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**I**t was an opportune time to embrace different sexual tendencies during National Coming Out Week, hosted by Prism, Truman State University's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender-friendly organization. Prism planned activities during the week that catered to both homosexuals and heterosexuals.

The week began Oct. 6, 2003, with an information table on the Quad. The table displayed literature about National Coming Out Week and its activities. The National Human Rights Campaign provided information to the group to create awareness of the GLBT community.

Prism also showed the film "The Laramie Project" that evening. It depicted the occurrences in Laramie, Wyo., when Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was brutally beaten to death in 1998. Prism sponsored a candlelight vigil in Shepard's honor Oct. 7.

"This event had the largest turnout of the entire week," said junior Nicole Roesch, Prism meeting chair.

Junior Kai Gansner attended the candlelight vigil, where about 30 people gathered around the Centennial Flame.

"[The vigil's purpose] was to make people aware of and reflect on hate crimes," Gansner said. "My personal views are that everyone — male, female, black, white, any ethnicity — needs to be treated as humans because they are humans. It's also about tolerance."

Prism showed the movie "The Hours" on Oct. 8. Members of the planning committee thought that the movie presented many GLBT themes, such as bisexuality.

The "gay gym" also occurred Oct. 8 at the Student Recreational Center.

"[The 'gay gym'] was just one hour where anyone who was homosexual was encouraged to go and work out," Roesch said. "We just wanted to show people that we were just like everyone else. We work out and do other normal things, too."

An improvisational acting group performed Oct. 9, touching on similar themes. Junior Alexandria Lockett said the actors showed what GLBT individuals go through by acting out real-life scenarios.

Lockett also led the planning committee for National Coming Out Week. She said it took her about a month to decide which activities would be sponsored. She said the week was an experiment for her because the University had only sponsored one other National Coming Out Week event since she had been a student at the University.

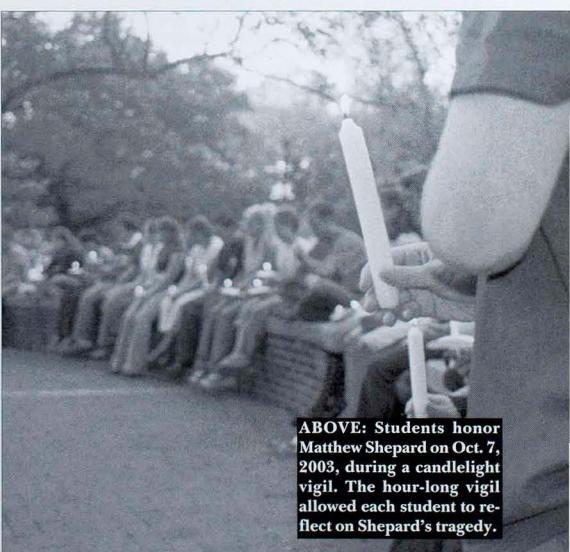
The actual National Coming Out Day was Oct. 11, but Prism planned its events the week before that date to prevent competition with the University's Homecoming activities.

"[The University] has always had National Coming Out Day, but recently, we've turned it into an entire week," Lockett said. "I hope [Prism] will continue to do it because it's really integral to our community."

Roesch said Prism chose the events to increase awareness, and she said they were not strictly for homosexuals.

Both Roesch and Lockett agreed that the week was effective in getting its awareness and tolerance message out to the campus.

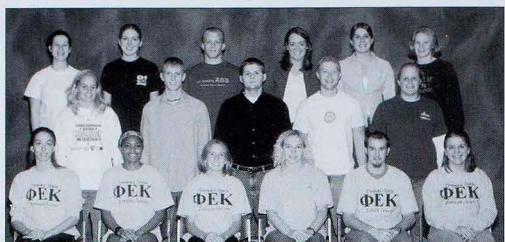
"Our goal will never be truly reached," Lockett said. "There will always be stereotypes and hatred, but we showed that we are an active community, and we did raise awareness to some degree."



ABOVE: Students honor Matthew Shepard on Oct. 7, 2003, during a candlelight vigil. The hour-long vigil allowed each student to reflect on Shepard's tragedy.

PHOTO BY MONICA KWIATEK

Phi Epsilon Kappa health and exercise science



FRONT ROW: Jill Meyer, Candice Hoskins, Abby Souders, Ashley Moore, Aaron Decker, Kate Stuhlman. SECOND ROW: Nicole Gandy, David Dudeck, Richard Caballero, Darren Smith, Amanda Holland. BACK ROW: Sami Rummels, Ashley Mattli, Aaron Armstrong, Trisha Blickhan, Katie Heaton, Lindsey Heiserman.

Phi Epsilon Kappa health and exercise science



FRONT ROW: Paul Hamilton, Alison Blyth, Kara Timbers, Allison Dougherty, Emily Turnbull. SECOND ROW: Meghan Esbenshade, Maggie Brandt, Allie Giddings, Christine Brummmer, Cubby Swift, Alaina Wyatt. THIRD ROW: Ryan Hickman, Jessica Laber, Candi Jones, Jason Willis, Tara Lawson, Kelli Richardson, Marty Glenn. BACK ROW: Brynn Weimer, Ryan Stewart, Tyler Williams, Diana Betsworth, Brenton Freeman, Carrie Winthrop, Imran Hossain, Kim Dickinson.

Phi Eta Sigma freshman honorary



FRONT ROW: Allison Atterberry, Elizabeth Milford, Tanya Hentges, Valerie Hentges. BACK ROW: Abby Souders, Sarah Linke, Kristin Walstrom.



ABOVE: Junior Alison Steel performs a toe touch during the High Street Dancers' workshop. The group sponsored the workshop for three consecutive days before fall 2003 tryouts.

# high anxiety

## performance organizations limit the number of new members by holding tryouts for interested students

BY TRENT SUTTER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Performance organizations at Truman State University looked for talent, determination and dedication in potential members. Students wanting to join these selective groups had to battle their fears and compete in tryouts to make the final cut.

The Franklin Street Singers was a group of students who performed dance numbers while singing. The group had auditions in Ophelia Parish in 2003. Jacqueline Collett, associate professor of music, and the four section leaders from 2002 supervised the auditions. Tryouts were three-days long. Hopefuls performed a prepared solo audition with music on the first day so judges could get a feel for the student's voice. Everyone learned a one-minute quartet number and performed in groups of four on the second day of tryouts. Participants also learned a dance routine, which they performed on the third day.

Judges posted the final list of Franklin Street members after the tryouts. The group's tryouts were highly selective. Forty-five people tried out for the 24 spots in 2003. Sophomore Paul Scruggs had made the cut twice in the past and said half of the list contained new members to the group. Scruggs offered advice to Franklin Street hopefuls.

"Even if you don't make it one year, keep trying out," Scruggs said.

Franklin Street members practiced Monday through Thursday for an hour and a half, with most of their performances on the weekends. Students choreographed and performed all of their own dances.

Another group, High Street Dancers, required all of its members to try out every year. Students who had been dancers or cheerleaders before they came to the University were the main candidates for High Street, but the group opened tryouts to

everyone interested.

Thirty women auditioned, but only 18 made it onto High Street Dancers. The participants spent three days learning two dances for the audition. Four judges looked for smiles, sharpness, smoothness of turns and accuracy. Senior Niki Wilson made it through tryouts four times and knew firsthand the fear that came with them.

"I went by myself," Wilson said. "It was a little scary, but the people who had been in it before made an effort to talk with the new girls and help them out."

Hopefuls split into groups of three people during tryouts, and each group performed three times. Each time, judges asked the women to perform one of the dances they learned and an impromptu they learned the same day. Wilson suggested students attend the Truman Society of the Dance Arts or classes at the Student Recreational Center to prepare for the tryouts. Both opportunities were free, open to anyone and helped to improve an individual's dance skills.

TrueMen also required its members to try out. The all-male a cappella singing group started in 1997. The group had 12 members and practiced the retention method of once a member, always a member. Thirty men showed up for the informational meeting, but only 16 auditioned. TrueMen accepted five new members to its group. Senior Nick Cloud made the cut his freshman year and was the only freshman the group took. He had been an active member for the last four years.

"We are very selective when choosing new members because it is such a huge time commitment and the guys we choose have to be able to sing," Cloud said. "Once you're a member, it's for life."

Whether a member forever or one who had to re-audition each year, many University students found practice and dedication the keys to becoming a new member.

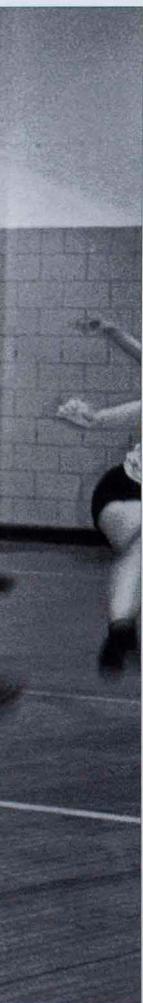


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ABOVE: Sophomores Marcie Kottemann and Sarah Charnes and junior Briana O'Sullivan lip-sync to a Sigma Kappa rap by \$crilla. Charnes received the Miss Watermelon crown.

# sprouting seeds

## greek organizations collect canned foods and raise money at watermelon fest events

BY JILL KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

**O**n your mark, get set, toss your watermelons! The watermelons flew as the games began Sept. 27, 2003. This was just one of the many Watermelon Fest events Lambda Chi Alpha sponsored throughout the last week in September.

Watermelon Fest occurred annually to raise money for the North American Food Drive at Truman State University and around the nation. A canned food war, a watermelon-decorating contest, a Miss Watermelon Pageant and the watermelon games took place during the week. Groups including Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta, Sigma Kappa, Delta Zeta, Sigma Chi Delta, Alpha Sigma Gamma and the Prim Roses participated. Each group scored points for events it participated in and received bonus points for winning an event.

Lambda Chi members donated the food collected during Watermelon Fest to the North American Food Drive. They used the money they raised from activities to buy canned foods from a Columbia food bank that received too many canned foods.

The Miss Watermelon Pageant, which took place in Baldwin Auditorium on Sept. 24 also brought in money. The admission was \$1 or two cans of food, and the pageant was open to anyone on campus who wanted to attend. A member from each sorority participated in the pageant, and they competed in lip sync, question-and-answer and costume competitions. Audience members voted for the winner at the end of the pageant.

Senior Jamie Dobbs competed in the

pageant for Sigma Chi Delta.

"It was a lot of fun, and it was for a good cause," Dobbs said. "I had a bikini top that was pink covered in sparkly felt with black sparkly felt for seeds and green down on the bottom to look like two watermelon slices."

Dobbs sang "You Shook Me All Night Long" and won third place in the pageant.

Senior Andy Denny, Watermelon Fest pageant coordinator, saw the event as a way to get the whole campus involved, rather than just the sororities and fraternities.

"It was a way to have fun and show sorority spirit while showing support for Lambda Chi's philanthropy," Denny said. "In the future, we hope to get more fraternities involved in Watermelon Fest."

The last event was the watermelon games. Each sorority competed in teams of six in a watermelon toss, a watermelon shot-put, a watermelon wheelbarrow race and a watermelon fight.

Participants became covered in watermelon from head to toe and used about 200 watermelons during the day's activities. All teams received a Lambda Chi coach to encourage team members and give instructions.

"The watermelon fight was the best part, even though my clothes are ruined," senior Kate Hammel said.

A Watermelon Fest winner received a crown at the end of the week. The overall Watermelon Fest 2003 winners were the Sig Kaps, winning the canned-food war and Miss Watermelon Pageant. Lambda Chi donated 10 percent, or about \$300, of the proceeds to the Sig Kap's philanthropy, which helped fund Alzheimers research.

windfall staff members promote its annual literary magazine by participating in various events throughout the academic year

# more than publishing



ABOVE: Junior Jessica Ford reads a selection from "The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan at the Windfall poetry reading. Staff members participated in three poetry readings during the 2003-2004 school year.

PHOTO BY AMY ORTEGA

**By SETH GAMBLE**  
STAFF WRITER

A dimly lit coffee shop housed an assortment of individuals anticipating a poetry reading sponsored by Windfall, the Truman State University journal of literature, poetry, art and music. Windfall staff members often participated in poetry readings in addition to their work producing the magazine.

Some might have thought events like this interfered with publishing a magazine, but staff members saw it differently.

"[Events] help us," senior editor in chief Rhiannon Shoultz said. "If people come, they may submit later. The publicity [for the magazine] is good, too."

Many believed the activities helped spur creativity.

"The events offer different arenas for [people] to express themselves," junior assistant editor Jessica Ford said. "They enhance what we are doing by bringing awareness and giving a chance to help with other creative activities."

Poetry readings were not the only activities that Windfall played a role in. Staff members promoted and took part in readings of both prose and poetry during Banned Book Week, sponsored Sept. 20 through Sept. 27, and also supported book giveaway days. Days like these generally occurred around the Windfall publication date in mid to late April and promoted literature reading while helping to publicize the magazine. The organization also participated in high school visit days and activities fairs to help create awareness of its magazine.

The Windfall staff chose to create a unique publication.

"[Windfall] provides a creative outlet for students on campus," Shoultz said. "It's also a great place to be published for the first time."

Windfall adviser Monica Barron, associate professor of English, remained a "hands-off" adviser, only securing funds to keep the magazine alive and running.

"I don't do anything," Barron said. "Honestly, I don't. They do it themselves. It's amazing to me every year that [the Windfall staff] does it themselves. I just ensure funding."

On top of the activities that Windfall sponsored, the staff also selected the works that went into the magazine and designed the allotted 100 pages prior to publication. The staff voted on which pieces to publish.

The staff tended to be close-knit and worked well together.

"What you have is a core group of students who want to get together and share creative writing, argue their own merits and work towards publishing," Barron said.



FRONT ROW: Greg Gunli, Ryan Carrico, Adam Weingartner, Tom Rataj, Scott Marquart, Drew Walters. SECOND ROW: Scott Klasner, Matt Schuessler, Todd Hawott, Andrew Chambers, Chris Carrico, Michael Nobel, Tony Ziegler. BACK ROW: Mike Landram, Brian Gaffney, Rick Roeseheimer, Richard Schuessler, Brett Taylor, James Coverstone, Brandon Lang, Andy Pickering.

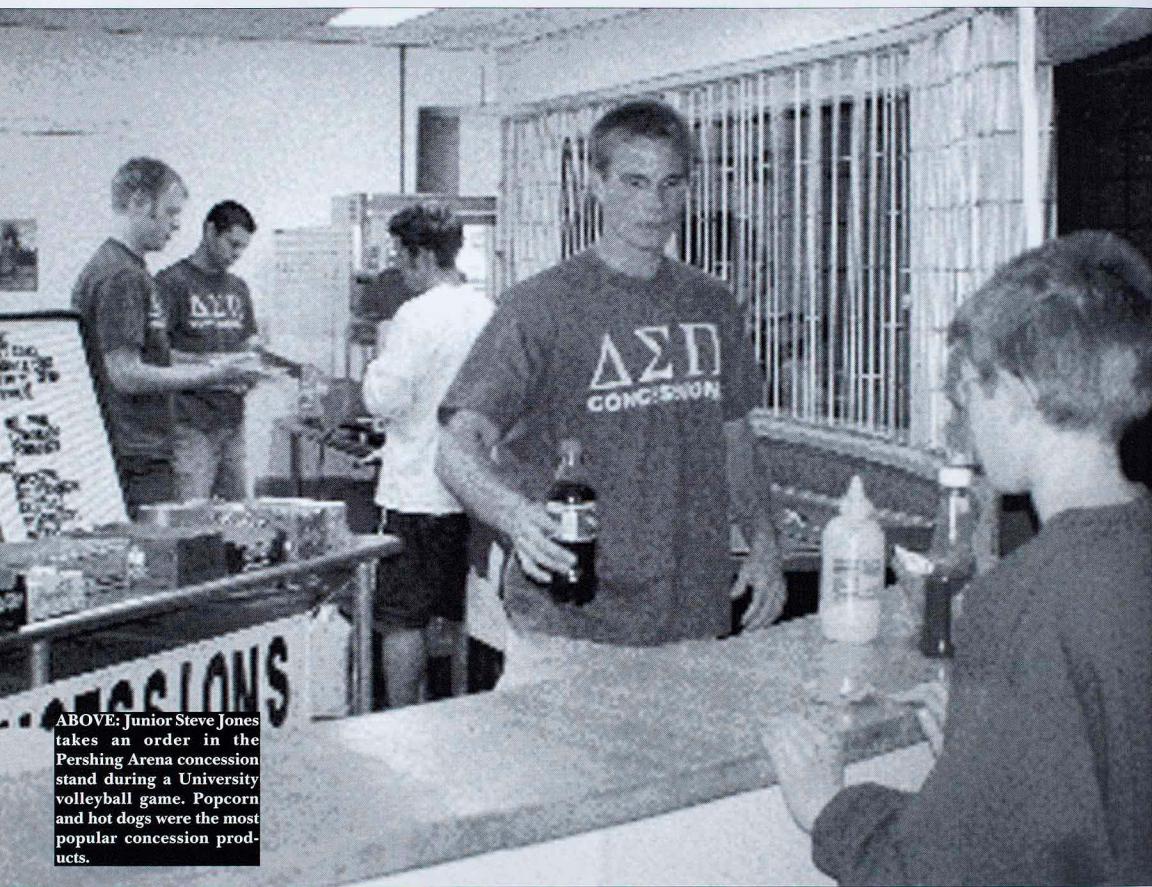


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FRONT ROW: Matthew Sonn, Kevin Doyel, Trent Anderson, Tony Bretz, Rubuyah Bahar, Ed Walker. BACK ROW: Flint Neidhardt, Steve Mortimer, T.J. Kussman, Jay Jessee, Sam McPherson, Patrick Fridley.

# business cents



ABOVE: Junior Steve Jones takes an order in the Pershing Arena concession stand during a University volleyball game. Popcorn and hot dogs were the most popular concession products.

delta sigma pi members gain business experience and friendships through fraternity involvement

BY MELISSA ALLEN  
MANAGING EDITOR

The enticing aroma of buttered popcorn attracted spectators to the Truman State University concession stand during athletic events. Sports fans could indulge in a variety of snacks while they watched games, thanks to Delta Sigma Pi, a University business fraternity.

Delta Sig was in charge of all University concessions in 2003-2004.

"We do all the ordering for it, and we staff everything," said senior Betsy Schmidt, vice president for committee management. "We look at it as if we are operating a business. We make financial statements at the end of the year and keep track of the budget."

Delta Sig used the profit earned from concessions to benefit members and other University students.

"The money was used to lower dues because it pays for a lot of fees charged to be active on campus," said senior Chad Johnson, vice president of concessions. "We sponsor speakers, we're involved with Homecoming this year and [the money] also helps to defer costs of brothers' costs traveling to other Delta Sig events around the nation."

Delta Sig membership meant more than working the concessions, though. Senior Becky Fleming, vice president of finance, said Delta Sig was a well-rounded organization.

"The four areas [of Delta Sig] are professional, social, fund raising and community service," Fleming said.

Members could participate in professional, social and service events.

"For community service, we host a [five kilometer] run every spring for our philanthropy, cystic fibrosis," junior Brittany Muck said. "We bring in professional speakers, help with the career expo and hold etiquette dinners. For social events, we have formals and other brotherhood events."

Johnson said different opportunities for involvement attracted students to Delta Sig.

"They look for something where they can experience professional growth as well as

personal growth," Johnson said. "Delta Sig has a lot of opportunities for both."

Fleming said Delta Sig expected a high level of dedication from members.

"One of our goals is to look for members who will be active, who will participate," Fleming said.

This level of dedication gave the chapter reasons to celebrate Nov. 15, 2003 — its 25th anniversary.

"We're very prestigious," Schmidt said. "In 25 years, we've won most outstanding chapter eight times. The next closest chapter has only won it three times. You go to a national event and say you're an Iota Nu and everyone knows where you're from."

Johnson said he would remember the camaraderie among brothers long after he graduated.

"I'll have memories of great friendships and the brotherhood," Johnson said. "I will always remember the pride I have with Delta Sig."

The level of member's professionalism and dedication, as well as honors Delta Sig received, made many proud to be a member.

## Amplifying Delta Sigma Pi

- Delta Sigma Pi was one of six University business fraternities
- The fraternity had 61 active members in fall 2003
- Delta Sig brothers participated in professional, social, fund-raising and community service events each semester
- The fraternity celebrated its 25th anniversary with a banquet and dance on Nov. 15, 2003

# testing the waters

## students and faculty join sierra@truman to increase environmental awareness within the community

BY SARA PRZYBYLSKI

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**N**amed after the Sierra Mountains in California, where it started in 1892, the Sierra Club was America's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization. Truman State University developed its own environmental organization, inspired by the Sierra Club, in 2002.

Environmentally concerned professors and students came together to promote Sierra Club values and issues in the community with their own organization, Sierra@Truman. They hoped to increase awareness of the organization and environmental issues.

"We address all the environmental concerns that our members have," junior president Adam Mutz said. "Some of the things vary — like we do recycling, stream testing, and we're going to help more with trails. And, we also do stuff overall — just trying to be environmentally aware and trying to help the natural environment."

Not only did Sierra focus on its members' concerns, but it also worked to raise environmental awareness of the entire community, catering to concerns and interests of all individuals.

"We want to provide an organization that deals with environmental concerns, but it isn't so focused that lots of people don't feel like their interests are met," said senior Corey Koch, vice president of community.

Sierra members did chemical testing on local creeks and rivers four times a year and collected insects from those sites twice a year. The organization's main focus was on Big Creek, Bear Creek and the Chariton River. Mutz said the group performed these tests to check for pollution and water quality. Sierra sent the collected data to the Department of Natural Resources, where it was put into a database and used to help effect Missouri legislation on the environmental issues budget.

Members said the stream's water quality varied.

"Every time we sample [Bear Creek], it has very

poor water quality," Koch said. "There isn't a lot of diversity of life in that stream."

James Turner, associate professor of accounting, was the faculty adviser for Sierra and agreed that pollution seemed to be worse in Bear Creek, which ran through Kirksville.

"Bear Creek is pretty skimpy in terms of insect life," Turner said. "Not surprising because it originates up in north Kirksville, so it doesn't have much quality. As for the Chariton River, we were surprised that it has a pretty good condition."

The group provided other services in addition to stream testing. Sierra put together Earth Day activities to make a statement and bring the values of the organization to students and the community. The organization also had tables at the University activities fair, brought speakers to campus for chapter meetings and encouraged students to recycle.

Turner said Sierra formed because concerned students and faculty members wanted to help raise awareness of water pollution and other environmental issues.

"Several faculty realized we were all members of [the national Sierra Club], and we got together to discuss what might be able to happen here at Kirksville," Turner said. "We spoke to some students, and last fall and winter the students spoke amongst themselves and decided they had a critical mass to organize."

Sierra was not called Sierra Club because the University organization could not speak in the name of the national organization.

"Our focus is local, and we don't pay dues to the national organization," Turner said. "They don't issue us instructions."

Turner said the organization provided a formalized activity for environmental studies minors, and Sierra was a good way to get experience. The organization was flexible, however, and worked with students who had knowledge of ecology, biology and chemistry. It also worked with students who just wanted to help the environment.

"If people come with more interests, we just broaden what we do," Koch said.

Echo 2004





FRONT ROW: Dan Harden, Jake Coon, Jose Zayas-Caban, Ken De Arman, Chris Conater, Mitchell Toebben. SECOND ROW: Justin McAninch, Anthony Tomlinson, Adam Lowrance, Erik Hansen, Jed Bain, Nicholas Johnson, Brad Fritz. BACK ROW: Theron Perkowski, Matthew Tingler, Andrew Schmidt, Matt Wilber, Aaron Smith, Nick Nichols.



PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON

ABOVE: Sophomore Kat Eusey measures Bear Creek's conductivity, or the dissolved salt content of the water. The ecosystem would have become damaged if the dissolved salt content was too high.



FRONT ROW: Andrea Dupont, Jon Spader, Heather Webb, Chris Miller, Scott Woods, Morgan Reuter, Erica Mercer. SECOND ROW: Caitlin Sutton, Anna Uhrlir, Sara Hayden, Ashlee Brown, Pawan Manocha, Lauren Allen, Shawna Gwin, Stephanie Creed. THIRD ROW: Sarah Montgomery, Christina Gray, Elizabeth Carrington, Tricia Jaworski, Tia Welsh, Yolanda Dale, Nakiesha Gambrell, Heather Bemis. BACK ROW: Brian Woll, Rachel Martin, Katie Freeman, Laura Reber, Cale Davis, Adam Davis, Scott Campbell, Natalie Trent.



FRONT ROW: Cara Miller, Justin Smith, Tony Albrecht, Sarah Warner, Amanda Becker, Amanda Shearer, Jenna Feldstein. SECOND ROW: Bill Overson, Benjamin Delaware, R.J. Lindstrom, Amber Gordillo, Brendan Duede, Adam Rich, Andrew Phillips. THIRD ROW: Kelly Galster, Holly Stephens, Hannah Cummings, Kristen Carson, Teresa Martinez, Jamey Johnston. BACK ROW: Laura Mundle, Laura Runge, Annette Nicks, Matt Lessman, Audra Harrold, Keith Christensen.

# what about bob?

BY KELLY KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

**W**earing Greek letters but not being officially affiliated with the Greek system was just one way Beta Omega Beta members were unique.

BOB was a women's nonselective social sisterhood. Four girls who were disappointed in the Greek system on campus and how selective it seemed started BOB in 1993 while on a roadtrip.

"They had a vision and they saw it through," senior Katie Rose said.

BOB's small sisterhood included 11 members and five Roberts, or new members. Consequently, it allowed for each member, even new members, to take leadership positions. Many of the members had more than one position, and all members could vote.

BOB shared some similarities with other sororities. Like many sisterhoods, members paid dues. Being a member of BOB cost \$50 per semester. The money was used toward sisterhood events, outings and donations to the group's philanthropy, the Adair County

Public Library. BOB members also held fundraisers for their philanthropy, such as organizing date auctions and selling shish kebabs at Dog Days. They also liked to get together with other organizations on campus, such as Alpha Tau Omega, for field days and mixers.

Senior Sarah Rutherford said one of her favorite events was the hot-tub retreat.

"We go and rent out a hot tub that's old but has been renovated," Rutherford said. "We watch movies and hang out. It's a lot of fun."

BOB members gathered once a week for group meetings. All Roberts had a six-week new member season. They officially became BOBs at the end of the preliminary season.

"My favorite part about it is that we are so diverse," Rutherford said. "There are women in it now that I would have never met had I not joined BOB, and I know I will probably keep up with them the rest of my life."

BOB members did not have eligibility requirements, such as high grade point averages, unlike some Greek organizations. BOB was also not a part of the Panhellenic Council.

"Whatever members want to turn [BOB] into is what it is," Rutherford said.

BOB was not a national sisterhood. However, another chapter of BOB, the Beta chapter, started at Central Missouri State University. CMSU's sisterhood, however, dissipated. All BOB members said they had no plans to become Greek in the future.

Because of this, BOB had a reputation of harboring anti-Greek sentiments since its formation. All current BOB members, however, said that they were not against Greek organizations. BOB members saw themselves as just another organization that University students could join and get involved in. The organization did not compete against other groups.

"We are not really competition, we're just something different," senior Sarah Welch said. "We're an alternative."

**LEFT:** Senior Kristen Haley helps publicize BOB's recruitment week. The week's theme, "SabOBtage," was a parody of the Beastie Boys song "Sabotage."

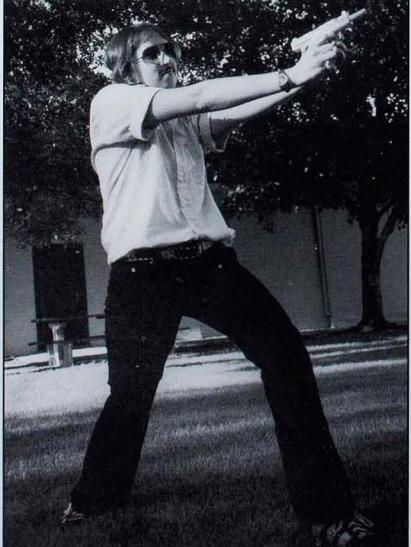


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## beta omega beta provides a greek alternative



ABOVE: Junior Tessa Bernhardt and sophomore Molly Pfeiffer play Cranium during Beta Omega Beta's fall rush. BOB sponsored a fall and spring rush.

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-senior Sarah Rutherford



FRONT ROW: Casey Jovick, Damon Thayer, Ryan Maurer, Nathaniel Zier, Andy Maerz, Nils Carlstedt. SECOND ROW: Owen McQuiston-Fall, Mark Timme, John Hitzel, Dan Murphy, Matt Ratliff. BACK ROW: Stephen Bland, Brian Ruzicka, John Perks, Jeff Steff.

Pre-Veterinary Club professional



FRONT ROW: Catherine Zivnuska, Jessie Fee, Mary Green, Diana Bull, Lesley Sheridan, Michelle Pinney. SECOND ROW: Tamara Vinci, Amanda Roberts, Loni Wedemeier, Josh Schaeffer, Octeva Johnson. THIRD ROW: Jenny Sandler, Susan Meierhoff, Jennifer Hoffmann, Kara Stowers, Joy Chisholm. BACK ROW: Sue Els, Valerie Hentges, Sara Lile, Alana Walker, Laura Erickson.

Prism gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/straight alliance



FRONT ROW: Stephanie Nigus, Laura Provance, William Mandeville, Kristine Carey, Stephen Sommer, Daron VanWyk. SECOND ROW: Jennifer Aubuchon, Libby Beilsmith, Oliver Penrose, Chelsea Brophy, Amy Hartmann. BACK ROW: Theresa Larson, Nicole Roesch, Jenise Lichtenegger, Alexandria Lockett.

# software of the future

BY ERIN EVEKER

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Amid complaints of budget cutbacks and penny-pinching, Truman State University embraced the notion of free software with the GNU/Linux lecture and workshop. Handled as an ethical and philosophical issue rather than a technical one, the three-day workshop introduced students to free software, and on the fourth day, to the man who made it possible.

"[Richard] Stallman is the biggest name in free software," said Don Bindner, workshop coordinator and assistant professor of mathematics. "Stallman was really a pioneer in this realm of computer science. He quit his job in the Artificial Intelligence Lab of [Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge)] to write free software without the legal risk of [MIT] claiming his work."

GNU/Linux, an operating system for computers, was a free-software alternative to Microsoft Windows. Stallman created much of the GNU/Linux system code. Software users had the freedom and ability to modify the program codes and share it with others. Glitches in other software programs, such as those in Microsoft Windows, could not be fixed by users due to copyright legalities. GNU/Linux opened the codes to the public.

The Truman State Linux Users Group, the Truman Women in Computer Science and the Truman State Association for Computing Machinery planned the workshop, which focused on familiarizing users with the software. Those in attendance learned the basics from logging on and using the programs effectively, to making and deleting files to burning compact discs and chatting. Stallman's lecture ended the event with further discussion of his cause. He spoke of the problems with commercial software and the alternative he created in 1983.

"It's actually a fairly controversial topic," said Jon Beck, workshop coordinator and associate professor of computer science. "And I think it's really important that the University exposes students to such controversial issues that are so relevant today."

Beck said Stallman forced people to think about GNU/Linux and laws about software and their effects on the constantly advancing technological society.

Violette Hall 1000 was a full house for the three-hour

# computer science organizations host a gnu/linux workshop and bring its creator to speak on campus

lecture and question-and-answer session spotlighting Stallman. Bindner said it was an honor to experience Stallman's thoughts in person.

Senior Heidi Hinrichsen, TWICS president, said it was surprising how easy it was to get Stallman to visit the University as a speaker.

"We just went out on a limb and e-mailed him," Hinrichsen said.

The workshop and lecture sparked further interest in free operating systems throughout the community.

"It's important for people to become familiar with GNU/Linux because they will very likely be using it in the business world someday, whether they realize it or not," Hinrichsen said.

The campus, however, had limited access to GNU/Linux, although it could be freely shared.

"If you're in a math or computer science course, there are Linux systems available," Beck said. "And [Information Technology Services] had begun talking preliminarily about setting up a Linux lab on campus, but it has yet to materialize."

Student interest demanded further instruction about GNU/Linux.

"Today the licensing agreements of commercial software are very restrictive, and informing people of the freedom that GNU/Linux allows for is very important," Bindner said.

## Amplifying GNU/Linux

- Richard Stallman launched the GNU Project in 1984
- GNU/Linux had more than 135,000 registered users in November 2003
- Creators estimated that over 18 million people used GNU/Linux in November 2003



PHOTO BY RENEE HELLEBUSH

ABOVE: Richard Stallman speaks to students during a question-and-answer session. Stallman founded the GNU project to create a free Unix-compatible software system.



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LEFT: Todd Hammond, associate professor of mathematics, explains how to use GNU/Linux during a workshop. The software provided an alternative to other operating systems, which all computers must possess.

# uncanny occurrences

## groups find creative ways to celebrate halloween

BY JESSICA LOWE  
SPORTS EDITOR

**I**t was the time of year when ghosts, goblins, witches and student organizations were at full force.

Members of Truman State University organizations put the Halloween holiday to good use by raising funds for their groups and philanthropies, collecting food for the hungry and raising awareness for other cultures.

The brothers of Alpha Kappa Lambda hosted their annual haunted house in October 2003 to raise funds for the Kirksville Police Department.

Sophomore Matt Miles, AKL scholarship chairman, said the haunted house was successful, and the fraternity raised \$1,500 for its cause.

"It was very successful, and it was fun for the people who pay for it and the people who put it on," Miles said.

A lot of effort went into putting on the AKL haunted house, but Miles said it was worth the time and effort spent when he saw the reactions of the haunted house visitors.

"One girl I scared, and she ran into my face," Miles said. "She was so freaked out, and she just went screaming all over."

Although Halloween was more commonly known as a night of frights, some charity also came out of Halloween events.

A group of students with the Catholic Newman Center participated in trick-or-canning, a spin-off of Trick-or-Treating.

"Some of us had done trick-or-canning in high school so we decided to make it a community service project during Halloween," said junior Julie Anderson, one of the project's organizers.

Nine participants collected 300 canned goods for two hours Halloween night. Anderson said that the Newman Center's trick-or-canning project was successful.

"I'm really happy with how it turned out, so we'll try to make it an annual event," Anderson said.

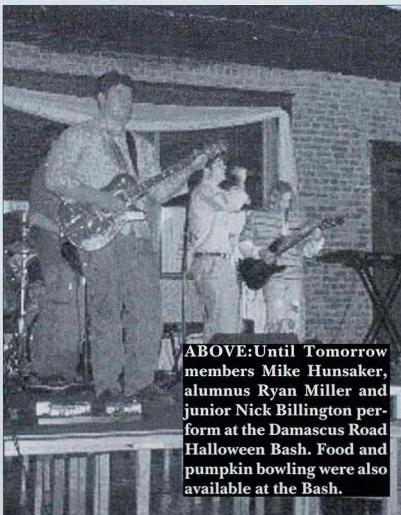
Halloween activities were not the only events taking place. Members of Sigma Delta Pi hosted festivities for the Day of the Dead, a Mexican celebration that took place every year Nov. 1 and Nov. 2.

"It's important to understand different cultures that may be in our society, and [Day of the Dead] is one that kind of coincides with our Halloween," said senior Melissa Davis, Sigma Delta Pi president.

The organization's Day of the Dead celebration took place Nov. 3, 2003, in the Centennial Hall main lounge. Davis said that the organization prepared and decorated the main lounge to provide an authentic atmosphere.

"We prepared an altar to display things, and several members made foods for people to try," Davis said.

Although holidays like Christmas, Thanksgiving and Hanukah were often celebrated by more participants, University organizations did not overlook the opportunity to make Halloween a memorable one for its members, students and community.



ABOVE: Until Tomorrow members Mike Hunsaker, alumnus Ryan Miller and junior Nick Billington perform at the Damascus Road Halloween Bash. Food and pumpkin bowling were also available at the Bash.

PHOTO BY MONICA KWIATEK



ABOVE: Senior Jeremy Crenshaw waits for his next victim at Alpha Kappa Lambda's haunted house. The haunted house ran from Oct. 29 to Oct. 31, 2003.

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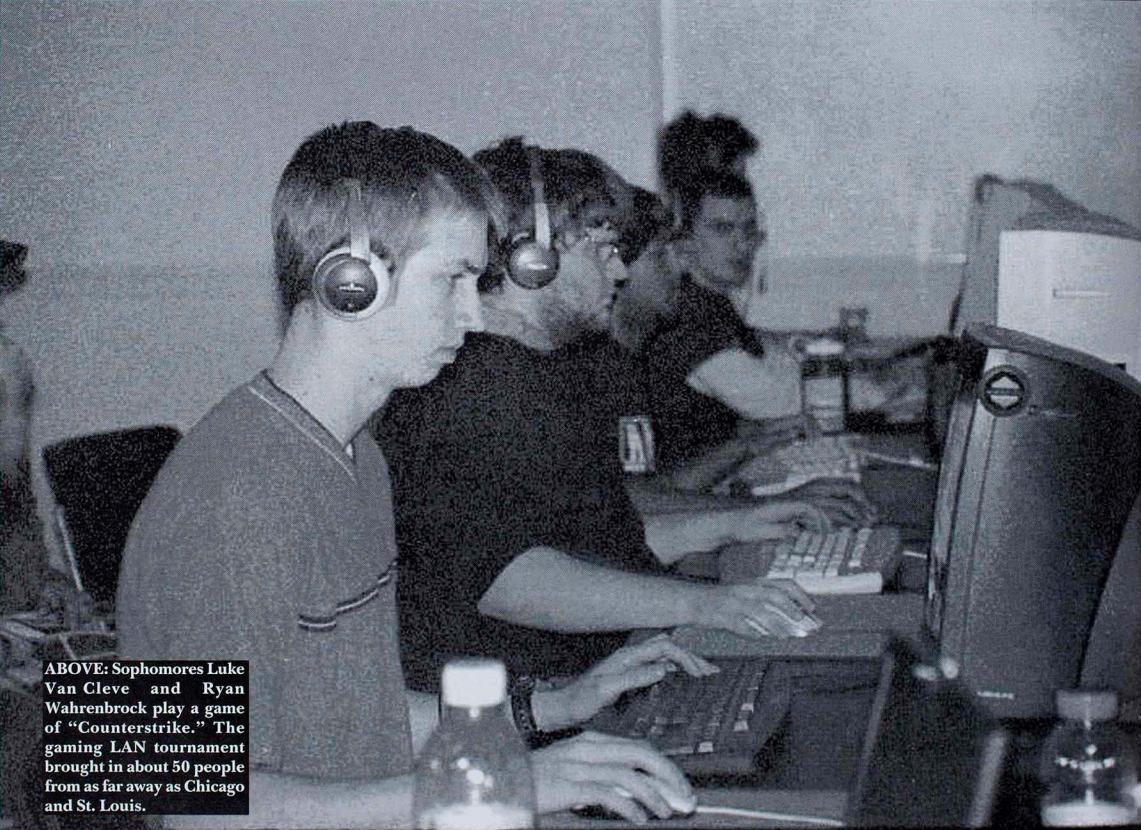


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LEFT: Senior Jeremy Blankenbaker, freshman Lannette Allman and sophomore Chris Maher leave a doorstep after collecting cans for the Catholic Newman Center. The Christian Community Food Depot received the canned food donations.

computer gaming association  
sponsors a local area network  
tournament, attracting university  
gamers

## lost in the game



ABOVE: Sophomores Luke Van Cleve and Ryan Wahrenbrock play a game of "Counterstrike." The gaming LAN tournament brought in about 50 people from as far away as Chicago and St. Louis.

## By EMILY RANDALL

STAFF WRITER

The games "Halo," "Quake III," "Counter-strike" and "Warcraft" often evoked violent images, but they actually brought people together in a positive way. These computer games attracted a variety of people to the Student Union Building Activities Room for a 13-hour day. One word described these people from different backgrounds, majors and genders — gamer.

The Computer Gaming Association put together a local area network, or LAN, tournament in fall 2003. Gamers came from across campus and even from other towns to take part in individual and team games.

"You get a bunch of computers or console systems together and usually have tournaments," sophomore Cindy Cobb said. "The CGA plans the event, but anyone can come participate, even if you don't bring a computer."

The purpose of the CGA was to facilitate gaming on campus.

"We run a league that plays twice a week over the LAN," junior CGA president Adil Wali said. "Not every gamer is in the CGA, just those who are interested in running things. Our ultimate goal is to make [the tournament] so big that the CGA members are a minority."

Many people came to the event because of their love for the games and because of the intense feeling they got while playing.

"I absolutely love 'Halo,'" freshman Karrick Thresher said. "You can spend an hour on it and not realize it because you get so involved."

The ability to lose oneself in the games was a common thread among gamers.

"You forget about everything around you," said Jason Givens, a St. Louis participant. "You get in the zone."

Players wore headsets allowing them to talk to one another and hear games in three dimensions. This facilitated the experience of losing oneself.

"Unless someone physically touches you, you have no clue there are people around you," junior Ross Day said. "Someone could just walk in and steal all your stuff, and you'd have no clue."

Most gamers thought that the tournament was a fun social event. They were able to meet people they normally competed against over the Truman State University network.

"It's a good chance to meet everybody and have a good time," Day said. "It's like, 'wow, I'm out with real people instead of just playing from my room.'"

Even for the less serious gamers, the event was something to look forward to.

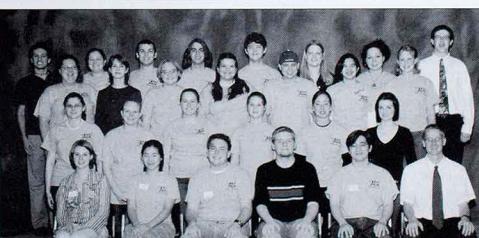
"I'm not such a serious gamer, but it's cool being around people of the same interests," sophomore Greg Wang said. "It's a real bonding experience."



FRONT ROW: Stephanie Tice, Micaela Leveranz, Katie Arnold, Melissa Storms, Jennifer Kempfer, Jennifer Schelman. SECOND ROW: April Owens, Sarah Mulford, Jennifer Miller, Courtney Wilson, Alice Lasco, Tracy Bauer, Amy Whitaker. BACK ROW: Arley Polley, Katie Chierek, Karen Bohack, Dhara Amin, Ashley Carter, Cassidy Leonard.



FRONT ROW: Emily Barfoot, Nicole Hatchet, Hillary Baggs, Elaine Wright, Jordan Rogers, Kelsey Umbarger, Elizabeth Ostby. SECOND ROW: Kate Scherzer, Kristen Olmstead, Malissa Riehl, Katie Blevins, Amy Zbinden, Mandi Howe. BACK ROW: Laura Jenkins, Samantha Pallette, Bethany Kipping, Ellie Glenn, Amanda Russell, Terese Martinez, Melissa Sefer.



FRONT ROW: Gina Stierwalt, Leah Young, Taylor Simmons, Erik Aubuchon, Chris Conway, Richard Goering. SECOND ROW: Ashley Noble, Lisa Miller, Ashley Livermore, Sasha Aldrich, Kelsey McFarland, Claire Maryniak. THIRD ROW: Erin Lear, Kat Eusey, Megan Lenz, Berkley Arnold, Phil Campbell, Twink Pham, Amy Olson. BACK ROW: Christopher McKinney, Rachel Shelton, Andy Uecker, Donny Roth, Daniel Kling, Amanda Gardner, Ashley Kilgore, Stephen Broadbent.



ABOVE: Sophomore Chris Bass and freshman Lindsey Unverfether participate in the Alpha Kappa Lambda teeter-totter for the American Cancer Society. Each organization provided two members to participate in the 76-hour fund-raiser.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE STACY

"We raise a lot of money for the cancer society, and it's fun to get out there and do it. It's something we use to get our name on campus and it draws a lot of attention to people walking by."

-sophomore Jarad Corzine

# braving the elements

## groups find a different way to raise funds

BY MONICA KWIATEK

ASSISTANT ORGANIZATIONS EDITOR

Making sacrifices was always part of fund raising, but some groups took raising money to an entirely new level. These organizations spent days outside to raise funds for their philanthropies.

Tau Kappa Epsilon sponsored its annual Sleep-a-thon on the Mall in fall 2003 to raise money for Alzheimer's. Participants in the four-day Sleep-a-thon slept and lived in tents on campus. The TKEs raised over \$320 during their stay in the tents. The time spent outside was the greatest factor in the amount of money raised, but the TKEs thought that the dedication they showed also contributed to the amount of donations they received.

"We got a few comments like, 'you guys rock for staying out here for so long,'" senior Greg Brown, TKE vice president said. "We got some pretty large donations from individual students."

The TKEs also had help from two service sororities, Tau Lambda Sigma and Alpha Sigma Gamma. One of the reasons ASG participated was to get to know the members of other organizations.

"We also wanted to build our relationships with the TKEs," junior Lauren Ayers, ASG service chairwoman said. "We just had a good time getting to know some of those guys better."

The Alpha Kappa Lambda teeter-totter for the American Cancer Society also forced students

outdoors. The AKLs thought the four-day fund-raiser was successful, earning about \$550.

"We raise a lot of money for the cancer society, and it's fun to get out there and do it," said sophomore Jarad Corzine, AKL philanthropy chairman. "It's something we use to get our name on campus, and it draws a lot of attention to people walking by."

Alpha Sigma Alpha joined up with AKL for its fund-raiser. Junior Melissa Wells, Alpha

philanthropic chairwoman, said its members were willing to spend time raising money with AKL for many reasons.

"It gave them a way to get to know some of the AKLs," Wells said. "I think they knew if people saw them out there late into the night and the morning in the cold weather, then they'd be more apt to donate."

Fund-raiser participants bundled up and

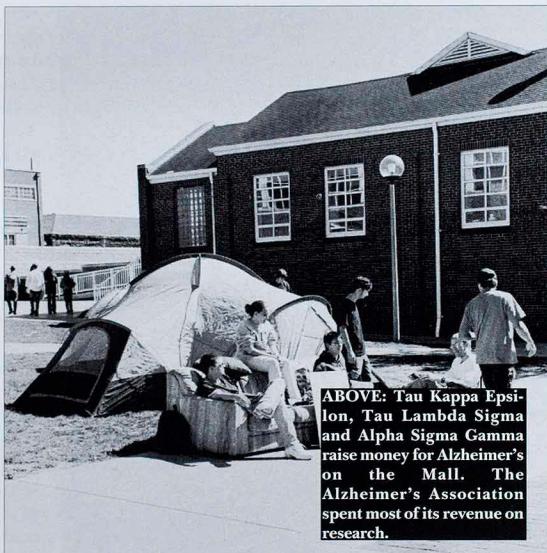
came with blankets and hot chocolate to battle cold weather.

"It's customary, when people come out here, they'll bring hot chocolate for the other person," Corzine said.

Partners also helped to keep one another company, in addition to bringing treats.

"Staying awake wasn't hard," sophomore Matt Miles said. "I just talked to the person I was with the whole time."

Overall, raising money by sleeping on the cold, wet ground or staying up all night on a wooden teeter-totter influenced the participants' lives. However, the organizations' philanthropies were the ones that truly benefitted in the end.



ABOVE: Tau Kappa Epsilon, Tau Lambda Sigma and Alpha Sigma Gamma raise money for Alzheimer's on the Mall. The Alzheimer's Association spent most of its revenue on research.

PHOTO BY KATIE KELLY

# top composition

phi mu alpha and sigma alpha iota invite a guest composer to share music

BY SHEILA BIGGS  
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Warren Gooch, professor and coordinator of theory and composition at Truman State University, and Charles Argersinger, professor and coordinator of composition and theory at Washington State University (Pullman, Wa.), met in 1992 at the Society of Composers

meeting at Washington. Gooch made contact with his old friend 11 years later to inform Argersinger that he was the guest composer for the University's 2003 New Music Festival.

The University's Macro Analysis Creative Research Organization sponsored a composition competition and advertised it worldwide. Composers submitted original compositions, and the University's staff blindly judged them for the best overall piece. The winner received a \$500 commission from Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota to write an original piece for Cantoria. The commissioned piece rotated each year from the wind symphony to the orchestra to Cantoria. The first-prize winner came to the University as a guest composer for the commissioned piece's premiere.

"The judging is done completely anonymously," Gooch said. "All indications of who wrote what are taken off. But it was really neat opening the envelope to find Charles' name and being able to call him personally to tell him he had won."

Gooch was not the only one who had heard of Argersinger. The whole University music community was familiar with his work.

"We were so excited to bring Charles here," said junior Rebecca Moore, Sigma Alpha Iota member. "He is so

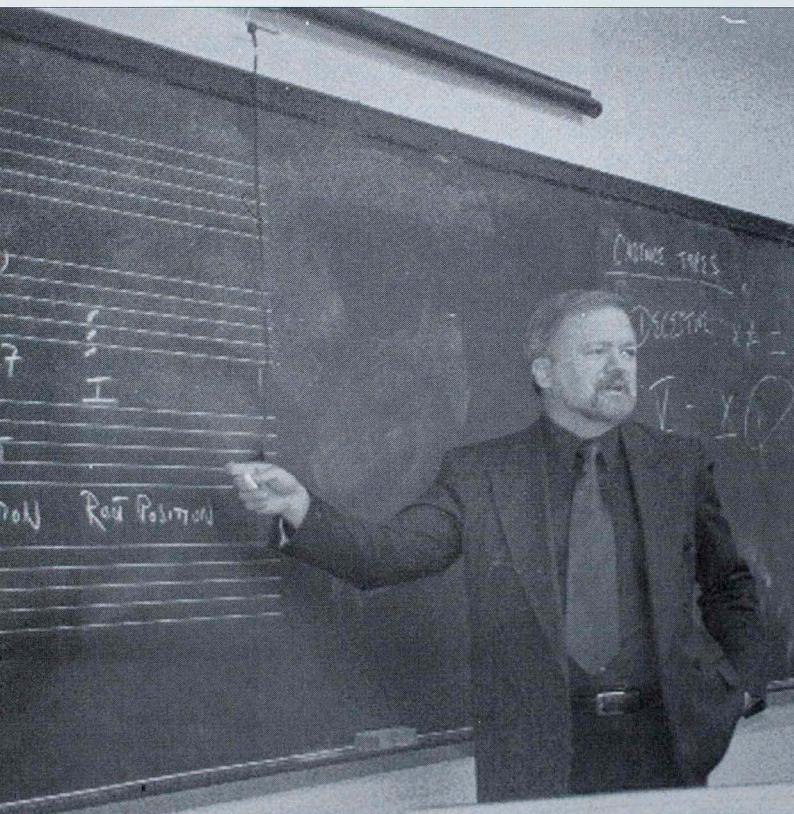


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ABOVE: Guest composer Charles Argersinger explains his process of composing music to students in a music theory class. Macro gave Argersinger an additional \$1,000 to play at the annual Macro convention in Madison, Wis.

**"His work is impeccably crafted, emotional and has a nice use of voice and incremental color."**

**-Warren Gooch, professor and coordinator of composition and theory**

highly regarded, and his music is so innovative. We really thought that he would be a great composer for Truman to experience."

Argersinger won first prize with his brass fanfare at the 1995 United Nations 50th anniversary. He was also Washington's 1997 composer of the year and won the Composer Fellowship presented by the Idaho Commission on the Arts in 1997.

Argersinger shared his music both as a composer and a professor. He had taught at California State University (Fresno) and DePaul University (Chicago) besides Washington.

Argersinger lectured in multiple classes during his visit, including music theory classes and two graduate classes. He also rehearsed with the University brass quintet and Cantoria.

Sophomore Loren Berry, Sigma Alpha Iota member, heard Argersinger speak in her theory class.

"He was really cool and funny," Berry said. "He talked to us about how he gets ideas for his pieces. He said that he just starts out with a simple melody and lets it grow into something from there."

Argersinger also spoke between concert performances.

"Everyone seemed to really like him — well, I really did — just from hearing him speak on stage," Moore said.

Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha hosted Argersinger while in Kirksville.

"We took him out to breakfast — well, he took us, being that we just went to his hotel and ate the food there," said senior Jose Zayas-Cabans, Phi Mu Alpha member. "We also helped set up for the concerts, but besides that and paying for Charles's lodging, Dr. Gooch took care of the rest."

Gooch had organized the annual competition for several years.

"I do this every year, and even when the 2003 New Music Festival guest composer is playing, the 2004 New Music Festival guest composer should already be picked," Gooch said.

Gooch said it was important to bring a guest composer that was talented and able to get along with the students.

"Charles Argersinger is a wonderful person and composer," Gooch said. "His work is impeccably crafted, emotional and has a nice use of voice and incremental color. We were honored to have him as our guest composer."

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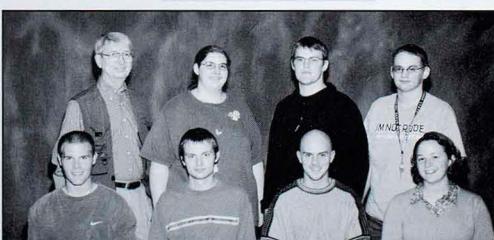
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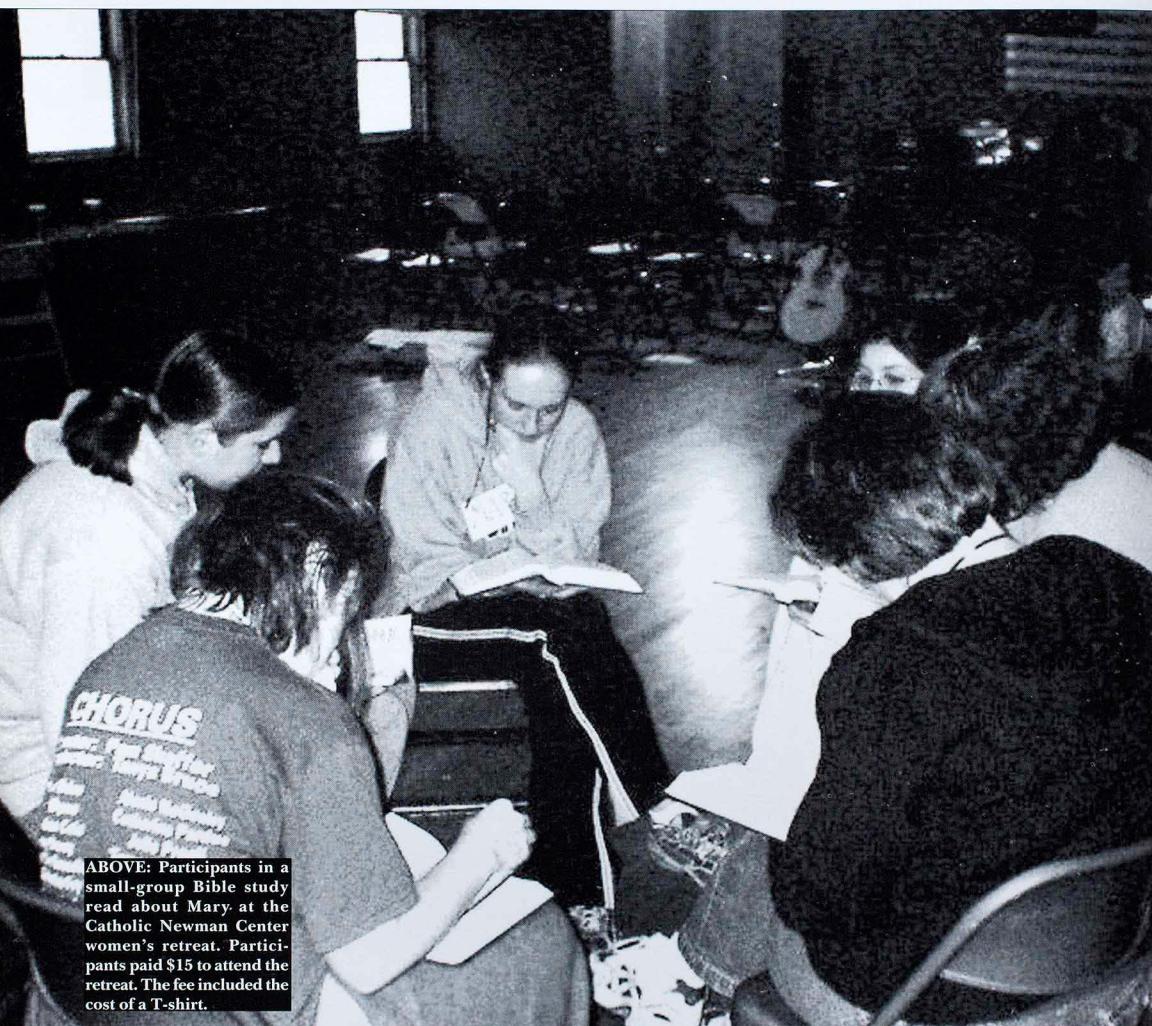


FRONT ROW: Justin McAninch, Tim Scott, Dean Yzon. BACK ROW: Amanda Brown, Shino Saito.

Sierra@Truman environmental



FRONT ROW: Adam Mutz, Nick Hart, Corey Koch, Katie Ramatowski. BACK ROW: Jim Turner, Brenda Appleby, Adam Sundberg, Chris Woodard.



ABOVE: Participants in a small-group Bible study read about Mary at the Catholic Newman Center women's retreat. Participants paid \$15 to attend the retreat. The fee included the cost of a T-shirt.

"I felt that I could be more open and honest, be myself more around [the girls]. I would definitely say that our relationships have been enhanced by the retreat."

-sophomore Mary Klein

# making a getaway

## newman center retreat strengthens bonds

BY BRANDI BROWN

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Many groups left campus to see brighter lights or attend big-name events. A women's group at the Catholic Newman Center, though, left Kirksville to discover friendship and spiritual renewal.

This group, Mary's Girls, sponsored its first women's retreat about 35 miles away from Kirksville at St. Joseph's Church in Barron, Mo.

"We decided it was important for the girls to come together and worship together," said senior Katie Gilbert, an organizer of the retreat. "One of the things that was great with this was the chance to fellowship with more people who haven't been involved [with Mary's Girls] and don't always have the opportunity to attend regularly."

The retreat began Saturday morning, Nov. 15, as the women participated in an icebreaker, conducted a time of praise and worship, attended a small-group Bible study and listened to Gilbert give a talk about free-will offering. The women, that evening, attended a reconciliation service that included a drama and a talk on freedom from worldly influences.

"[The reconciliation service] was a time where we prayed quietly, preparing ourselves to confess our sins," Gilbert said. "We wrote on paper about what offering we would give to God and put it in a box gift-wrapped. We brought the box to the front of the [Newman Center] on Sunday's mass."

The women also attended the next day an affirmation service where each person said something nice about the other women in the group.

"I was just so warmed by the affirmation on Sunday because I could tell that we just all really cared for each other and everyone was supportive and kind and genuine," Gilbert said. "It was very moving and a culmination of the weekend where

we were centered on a purpose of bonding."

The women packed up their belongings after the affirmation service and returned to Kirksville where they attended Sunday morning Mass at the Newman Center. Sophomore Mary Klein, who gave a speech about the rosary on Saturday, said the retreat helped her to form bonds with the other women.

"With some of the girls, it was a really good start because I had just met them, and I see them on campus and see them around a lot more," Klein said. "I felt that I could be more open and honest, be myself more around them. I would definitely say that our relationships have been enhanced by the retreat."

Junior Erin Donohue, who participated in the drama about freedom from worldly influences, said she attended the retreat because she thought it would be a great way to form a community with the women.

"It was instrumental in helping me to form bonds with the other women," Donohue said. "There are so many walls you pull down because there are just all women."



ABOVE: Sophomores Jamey Johnston and Sarah Tschiggtrie hug during a discussion about hugging. Forty women attended the retreat in November 2003.

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# rocking the grassroots

## rock the vote increases voter awareness in the university community

BY MARCIE MANNS

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Their mission was to empower young people to change the world. Rock the Vote strived to get students at Truman State University involved with the election process through registering people to vote, holding debates and distributing information.

Rock the Vote became an official organization on campus in fall 2003 due to the efforts of sophomore Sarah Saheb. Saheb began her involvement with Rock the Vote as a volunteer while in high school. She moved up through the organization and eventually was offered the opportunity to run the Chicago field office.

Saheb branched out to become the Midwest regional coordinator for Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis and Chicago after enrolling at the University. She also started Rock the Vote at the University.

Members worked to register voters when the group became an official campus organization.

"We really want to do the 'Get out the Vote' project, especially with the upcoming election," Saheb said. "We really want to make sure that everyone on this campus is registered to vote."

Rock the Vote was not all voter registration, though. Members were involved in other activities like attending Renter's Association meetings

in Kirksville. Members also hosted a watch party on Nov. 4, in which over 30 students gathered with Rock the Vote members in the Centennial Hall lounge to view the national broadcast of the Democratic presidential candidates.



PHOTO BY KIM FERRELL

ABOVE: Students participating in Rock the Vote's Watch Party tune in to CNN to watch Democratic candidates answer questions in a debate. Of the nine candidates, eight attended the nationally broadcasted debate.

**"We really want to make sure that everyone on this campus is registered to vote."**

-sophomore Sarah Saheb

"It was just to listen to the candidates answer questions from people of our generation, and it was really important because we were able to send in questions [via email]," junior Megan Gibbard said.

Though the most attention for Rock the Vote occurred during election time, Saheb said the organization remained active all year.

Junior Nicole Jacobson said the organization hoped to sponsor concerts featuring up-and-coming bands where Rock the Vote members could register voters and give information to concert attendees.

Rock the Vote did not focus on one political party or cause like other political organizations did.

"A lot of people may be asking, 'What are we? Are we Democratic or Republican?'" Jacobson said. "We are nonpartisan. We just want everyone to be involved in voting."

Rock the Vote was often associated with MTV, but Saheb said the organization was not the product of MTV.

"Rock the Vote is its own grassroots organization," Saheb said. "It is affiliated with MTV. We do campaigns for them like the 'Fight for Your Rights' campaign, the recent 'Protect Yourself' campaign and the 'Choose or Lose' campaign."

Although Rock the Vote dealt with a variety of issues, the main focus at the University was awareness.

"We know that there are a lot of students who don't really have a party or have any firm political beliefs or ideas," Gibbard said. "We want to just bring some voter awareness to campus and awareness of the issues."



PHOTO BY BETH SPINNEY

**LEFT:** Senior Caleb Reed registers to vote at one of the tables set up on campus by Rock the Vote, Student Senate, College Democrats, College Republicans and SAM. One hundred fifty-nine people registered to vote during the "Register to Vote" week. Of those, 66.7 percent registered for the first time.



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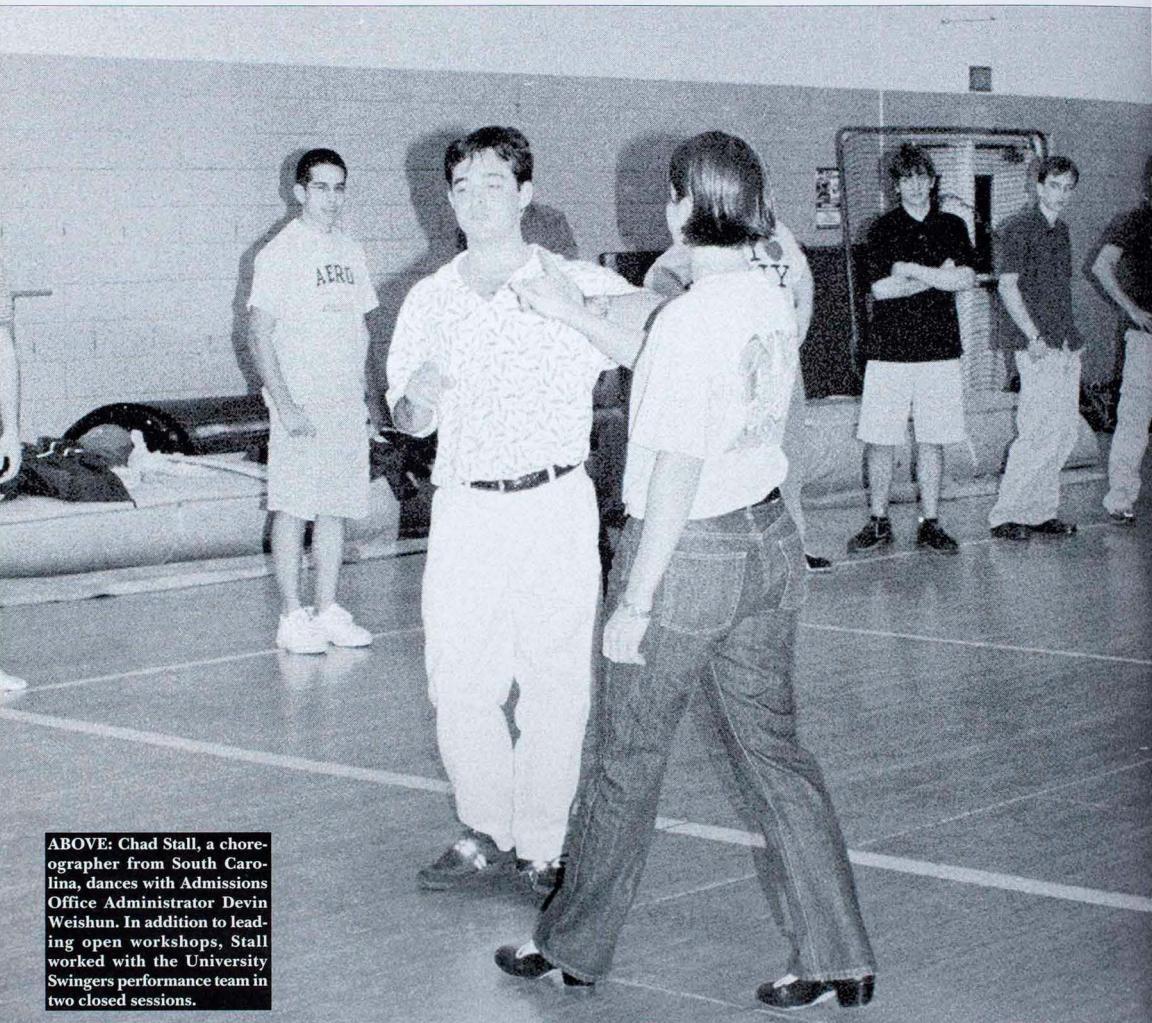
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FRONT ROW: Cassie Fox, Heidi Struss, Jessica Schmitz, Kim Noble, Rebecca Geisz, Susan Nixon. SECOND ROW: Tiffany Anderson, Jessie Paterson, Michelle Jones, Laura Mundle, Sarah Billing. BACK ROW: Rebecca Moore, Carrie Jones, Brandy DeCassios, Ann Shirley, Jane Harrison, Colleen Farquhar.

# learning new moves

dance craze weekend sweeps campus



**ABOVE:** Chad Stall, a choreographer from South Carolina, dances with Admissions Office Administrator Devin Weishun. In addition to leading open workshops, Stall worked with the University Swingers performance team in two closed sessions.

"The focus of the weekend was to have fun. We didn't want it to be too stressful."

-junior Lauren Schulte

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BY BETH SPINNEY

PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

**D**ance Craze weekend was for beginning and experienced dancers alike. The University Swingers combined workshops and an evening dance to help individuals who wanted to improve their dance skills. The weekend also taught organization members new moves.

Chad Stall, professional choreographer, came from Charleston, S.C., to teach new dances to the students. Stall worked at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio and had been a professional independent choreographer for three years. He also choreographed the movie "The Notebook" that came out in April 2004, starring James Garner, Gena Rowlands, Joan Allen, Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams. Stall came in to lead and instruct the workshops, teaching a variety of new dance steps.

Four dance workshops, open to the public, occurred Nov. 14-16. The workshops involved teaching lessons in swing, waltz, fox trot, tango, shag and salsa. All workshops cost \$4.

The group also sponsored a dance Saturday night, which gave students an opportunity to apply the new steps and dances they had learned from the workshops in a more social environment.

The Swingers hosted the Dance Craze weekend to learn new dances and steps and to attract more students to their weekly swing sessions.

"We really wanted to learn as much as we could from [Chad Stall], and by offering the open [workshops], we wanted to offer to the general public to learn a variety of dances that we taught," junior Lauren Schulte said. "It was not just swing — it was West Coast Swing, salsa, shag, [and the] tango."

Freshman Megan Miller's favorite part of the sessions was Stall himself.

"He was very good at teaching," Miller said. "He has really good moves, and it was just great to watch him and learn a lot. I feel like I can dance better just watching someone that is really good."

Many University Swingers also enjoyed

Stall's visit to campus.

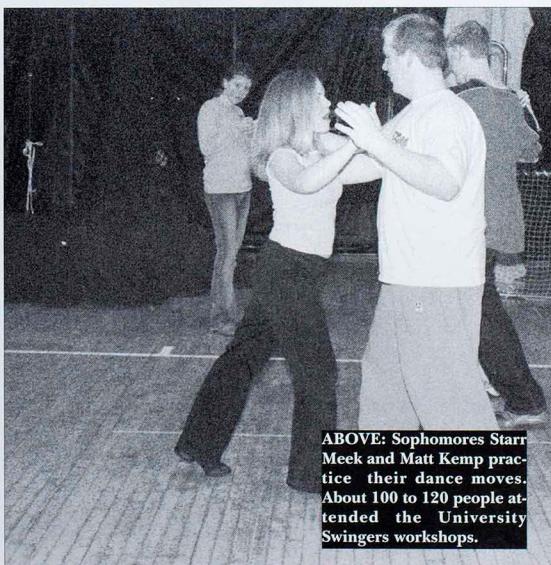
"He was pretty good," freshman Robert Shroud said. "He kept people interested. He seemed to like what he was doing, and that is what is important, I think. You've got to like what you do in order to be able to teach it."

The University Swingers gained several new members in the week before the Dance Craze weekend.

"This last week I found out that I made Swingers, which is a big thing for me," freshman Nick Berrett said. "I was really nervous about it. I didn't know how good my audition went, and I ended up coming out on top. I am really happy to be a part of this group. It looks like a lot of fun, and they do a good job of having fun."

Many workshop participants enjoyed themselves and thought the Dance Craze weekend was a success.

"The focus of the weekend was to have fun," Schulte said. "We didn't want it to be too stressful. I think that was a success. I think that everyone that did come, that did go, had fun."



ABOVE: Sophomores Starr Meek and Matt Kemp practice their dance moves. About 100 to 120 people attended the University Swingers workshops.

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# barbecue for kids

## cookout raises money for fraternity's philanthropy, terminally ill children

BY BRANDI MOELLER

PEOPLE EDITOR

Many students were sleeping in on the day of the 2004 Undergraduate Research Symposium. Others went to see presentations or presented research. Phi Kappa Tau had an alternative agenda — the cookout for kids.

Members sold meals and collected donations before the cookout.

"We start going around to area businesses collecting donations and orders for meals," senior Greg Guntli said. "The area businesses will order or donate if they want to. They pay \$6 per meal, and we deliver them all."

The members woke before sunrise to begin barbecuing the pork steaks and chicken.

"I got up at 4:30 this morning to make sure we had the paperwork ready and everything was set up," senior Joe Sartors said. "We set up the grills around 6 a.m. and started cooking at about 7:45."

Members cooked and assembled meals until it was time to start delivering them.

"It gets pretty crazy around noon, but once we get past 1 p.m. the guys start cleaning up and having a little fun because most of the orders are out," Sartors said.

The cookout was pleasant for most members.

"The day itself is a fun day," Guntli said. "We enjoy cooking and delivering it and getting to see people."

Most of the profits earned from the event in past years came from Kirksville businesses. The fraternity wanted to get the campus more involved in 2004.

"We did a campus organization competition," Sartors said. "Campus organizations could join in on collecting



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ABOVE: Phi Kappa Tau members grill chicken for their cookout fund-raiser. The meals consisted of a chicken breast, two sides, a soda and bread.

**"We enjoy cooking and delivering it and getting to see people."**

-senior Greg Guntli

meal orders, and the organization who collects the most meals receives 35 percent of whatever profit we earn from campus organizations as a whole."

The money raised went to the Phi Kappa Tau philanthropy, Hole in the Wall gang camps.

"[Hole in the Wall gang camps] benefits terminally ill children, Guntli said. Basically we help send them to summer camp so that they get to experience things a normal kid would."

The cookout was not the only work done by fraternity members. Some spent the summer working at the camps.

"There are about 15 camps across the country, and we go to the one in Florida every year," Sartors said. "We usually have two or three guys that stay there all summer and volunteer, and probably around half the chapter will go for a week."

Camp volunteers were cabin leaders for the children.

"I was there for a week, and I was cabin leader for the kidney transplant kids and rheumatoid arthritis kids," junior Corey Schaecher said.

Children attending the camps participated in arts and crafts, wood burning, archery, fishing, boating, swimming, hiking and horseback riding. Sometimes these activities became difficult for the participants.

"It was most challenging for the kids with rheumatoid arthritis because they couldn't really move their limbs all that well," Schaecher said. "When it came time to swim, all of them couldn't do it, so they would walk around the shallow end."

Children from the camp even made it in a video that was shown at Phi Tau events.

"Everybody loves it. During rush we show a video of all the kids and their experiences at the camps," Schaecher said. "It has a huge impact on pledges and the chapter as well."

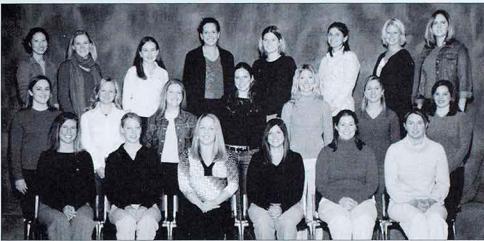


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**LEFT:** Senior Devin McCart prepares barbecue for local businesses. University alumnus Paul Newman founded the Hole in the Wall gang camps organization.



FRONT ROW: Jameson Dobbs, Rebecca Holtane, Arley Polley, Lindsey Cashel, Rory Kane, Michele Brungardt, Kate Hammel. SECOND ROW: Leah Guthrie, Valerie Robinson, Amber Easley, Jessica Jackson, Jennifer Gray, Ashley Phillips, Kara Berlin, Erica Kinnison. THIRD ROW: Ashley Murdock, Jill Kasparie, Amanda Goldbach, Kelly Kasparie, Stephanie McElwee, Sasha Aldrich, Amanda West, Ashley Wolfe, Frances Knapp. BACK ROW: Renee Taylor, Mandi Sagez, Lauren Weber, Katie Huggett, Ann Heffron-Davidson, Megan McLean, Sasha Rassi, Jade Lee.



FRONT ROW: Katie Funk, Katie Pederson, Sandy Montgomery, Katie Storms, Heather Fails, Lauren Campbell. SECOND ROW: Kristin Dressel, Alisha Newman, Katie Arnold. BACK ROW: Ali Soderholm, Laura Hinkson, Maria Samyoa, Rachel Reinhold, Nicole Scanio, Melissa Storms, Amanda Schnabel, Natalie Preston.



FRONT ROW: Alison Steel, Anne Goedeker, Liana Boone, Ellie Goedeker, Kirsten Brimer, Amanda Brandmeyer. SECOND ROW: Katy Davis, Sarah Devlin, Briana Sullivan, Lisa Batchelor, Katie Burrows, Valerie Dwyer, Melinda Starbuck. BACK ROW: Mandy Sheets, Sarah Charnes, Nicole Brewer, Kay Fancher, Catherine Happ, Liz Klocke, Emily Wood, Ashley Oppenheim.



ABOVE: Diane Janick-Buckner, professor of biology, David Todd, a faculty member of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and junior Michelle Meinkoth discuss medicine over dinner. Attendees included local doctors, University faculty doctors, pre-med University students and KCOM medical students.

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# best medicine

## local doctors have dinner with members of the american medical student association

BY AMY DEIS

STAFF WRITER

The American Medical Student Association had offered for the past three years a way for its members to gain insight into medical professions. Doctors from all over the Kirksville region gathered Feb. 11 in the Student Union Building for Dinner with Docs to answer questions from students.

Junior Ashlee Brown and senior Erin Haber helped organize Dinner with Docs and agreed it was very beneficial to its members.

"Basically, it gives us a chance to get our name out in the community, and it's another benefit for pre-meds to talk to real doctors," Brown said. "Anything that we can do to help pre-meds is what AMSA is all about."

Members marked which types of doctors they wanted to speak with when they signed up for the event, depending upon what field of medicine they were interested in. Brown and Haber sent out invitations to almost every doctor in Kirksville. They invited different types of specialists including family practice, anesthesiology, OB/GYN, cardiology and general surgery.

Freshman Elizabeth Raine already knew what field of medicine she wanted to work in.

"I'm a pre-med student, and I plan on becoming an emergency room physician," Raine said. "I hoped to actually speak to one."

Two speakers during the night helped to engage the doctors and students in conversation.

"We had two speakers ... Lori Haxton, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine assistant vice-president and Dr. Arthur Freeland, family practice," Brown said. "Lori Haxton gave a speech on the 'I can't believe it's, of the medical school admissions process.'

The stupid things people do [in the application process] that are really funny."

Freeland spoke at a past Dinner with Docs.

"They just called and asked me if I would talk to them," Freeland said. "I talked about the joys of and challenges of medicine. It's kind of a kick-off to get people talking about medicine."

Raine was satisfied with the success of Dinner with Docs.

"It fulfilled [my] expectations because it's putting the doctors out there for us to communicate with," Raine said. "We can now get an idea of where we want to be in the medical profession and find out if this is really for us or not."

Raine gained insight on how to pursue her goal of becoming an emergency room physician.

"I had two doctors sitting at my table, Dr. Todd, family practice, and Dr. Janick Buckner, one of the AMSA sponsors," Raine said. "I talked to Dr. Todd specifically about his experience with the emergency room rotation he had in med school and how it's related to his family practice."

AMSA worked hard to provide events that helped its members understand what to expect in the medical field.

"We had speakers every two weeks at our meeting," Brown said. "We've had everybody from home health to genetic engineering to bio-terrorism. Just different aspects of medicine that we might not think of."

The members of AMSA agreed that Dinner with Docs helped them gain information about the medical field. The doctors at the event were willing to share anything with the students.

"I don't know if I had lots of information, but I certainly wanted to pass on a little excitement," Freeland said.



FRONT ROW: Sarah Shelton, Ellie Glenn, Marcie Kottemann, Laura Zacher, Courtney Floro, Taylor Raus, Kate Kresl. SECOND ROW: Brittany Douglas, Abby Kinscherf, Katie Lang, Brandi Norfolk, Erin Kane, Abbey Arthur, Alyssa Graybeal, Erin Brooks. THIRD ROW: Amanda Davison, Sara Lloyd, Ashley Newman, Kate Howser, Megan Vescovo, Gabby Stocke, Valerie Moyers. BACK ROW: Tracey Vick, Jennifer Hopper, Lisa Thorne, Laura Gantner, Lindsay Koski, Sarah Schelich.



FRONT ROW: Beth Ryan, Charissa Manuau, Kerry Burd, Julie Dennis, Kaitie Niemann, Melissa Dudak, Lindsey Niermeyer. SECOND ROW: Jessie Smith, Emily Sellner, Monica Piane, Lisa Dodge, Stacy Adams, Stellina Aubuchon, Dawn Runge, Sara Sieker. BACK ROW: Julie Garrett, Casey Hunstein, Allison Gusack, Sarah Cole, Becky Clarke, Beth Totten, Lindsay Hunstein.



FRONT ROW: Becky Schulte, Jenny Lange, Kaitlin Flatley, Kristin Wagner, Katie Yates, Jessie Fee, Jackie White. SECOND ROW: Lauren Durand, Ellen Welter, Heather Hill, Anna Creasey, Bridgette Casey, Molly Hastings, Nicole Brown, Kelly Reed, Lauren Schaefering. BACK ROW: Lauren White, Candace Fobert, Naomi Davis, Casey Hoffman, Margaret Stewart, Jamie Bloomfield, Catie Torricelli, Becky Dinsick, Anne Fitzgerald.

# focusing on fair trade

BY CHELSEY ILTEN

FEATURES EDITOR

A cup of steaming coffee and a smile from a feathered headdress wearing Amnesty International member seemed to many like nothing more than a gesture of kindness. To Amnesty, however, each cup represented the freeing of underpaid farmers in other countries.

Members of Amnesty handed out free cups of coffee, sold bags of fairly traded coffee and sponsored a colloquium to honor the 55th anniversary of Human Rights Day on Dec. 10.

"International Human Rights Day celebrates the fact that we thought that human rights were important enough to grant to every single person," senior Narissa Webber, Amnesty president said. "It also points out violations of human rights and works towards solutions for them."

The day commemorated the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. Webber said companies did not have any repurcussions for failing to follow the Declaration.

"It's a beautiful document," freshman Amnesty member Mary Burford said. "We would like to see it manifest in policies."

The theme for 2003 was workers' rights.

"Every worker has the right to a living wage and fair treatment and not to be exploited by their employers," Webber said. "One exploitation doesn't happen directly by the employer but by the consumer who buys his product."

Members sold coffee for \$8 a bag on the Mall and in the Student Union Building on Dec. 8 and 9 to illustrate their point. Plow Sharing, a St. Louis company dedicated to fair-trade, donated the coffee to the group, which sold 17 of 24 bags over the two days. The money raised was used to mail letters to political prisoners and to support Amnesty campaigns.

Members distributed pamphlets explaining free trade and its importance to workers along with the coffee. Members wanted to educate people about the ways trade occurred and show that trading was not always ethical.

"It may be right by International trade agreements, but it's not ethical, and there are ethical ways to go about trading," Webber said. "There are solutions people are trying to implement, but they need to be extended to larger amounts of consumers for it to be viewed as a

# amnesty international wakes others up to human rights with a cup of coffee and a colloquium

system that can work."

Amnesty sponsored a colloquium featuring professors as speakers for individuals interested in learning more.

Sophomore Greg Wang attended the colloquium to become more informed about human rights.

"I'm in an International Relations class, and we talk a lot about human rights," Wang said. "That will help me understand this event."

Others attended for the promised extra-credit points.

"My World Civilization teacher offered extra credit for attending and writing a little summary about it," sophomore Lisa Moburg said. "I don't know that much about what it is going to be about, but I might have questions afterwards."

Webber said the goal of the colloquium was to send the message that human rights violations were an ongoing problem in the world.

"It is important to address [human rights] for the people involved, but also for ourselves," Webber said. "To show that our lives are comfortable, but maybe part of our responsibility as living comfortable lives is to extend that to others in the world."

Many students enjoyed the presentation.

"You can't know human rights until you're there and meet the people," Wang said. "I'm now better able to understand other perspectives and am more apathetic to others' problems."

## Amplifying Human Rights Week

- The Fair Trade Movement's goal was to ensure that coffee farmers got a fair price for their products
- Twelve billion pounds of coffee were consumed annually worldwide.
- Coffee was the largest United States food import.

Information from [www.globalexchange.org](http://www.globalexchange.org)



PHOTO BY KATIE KELLY

ABOVE: Graduate student Todd Ruecker provides graduate students Dana Kuhnline and Eric Tumminia and senior Joe Moccia with samples of coffee and hot chocolate. Coffee was the second most valuable traded commodity in the world.



PHOTO BY RENEE HELLERBACH

# means to an end

## v-day celebrates women and hopes to stop violence

BY AMY ORTEGA AND PEGGY AMOR

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Feb. 14 was a day to celebrate the spirit of love for many women. At Truman State University and other locations world wide, however, it was also a day to raise awareness about violence against women.

The Women's Resource Center, a place for women to go for counseling, health care information and crisis intervention resources, had sponsored the V-Day events since 1999. V-Day was a non-profit global movement to stop sexual violence against women and girls, and to promote Valentine's Day as a day to celebrate women.

The V-Day events began casually with "The Vagina Monologues" on the first night and student written monologues for the second. As V-Day gained popularity, WRC added more events.

"With more programs, a wider variety of people are interested," said Dana Kuhnline, Vagina Monologues college campaign organizer.

The WRC, with help from Amnesty International, added a documentary and discussion in 2004 about the women of Juarez, Mexico. The mostly-Spanish film was popular among the Spanish-speaking community.

The V-day Benefit Rock Show and the Vaginal Art & Writing Workshop appeared in subsequent years to inform more people about the monologues.

The activities surrounding "The Vagina Monologues" gave people a broader understanding.

"[They] allowed people to see that their coordinating events do not have anything to do with sexiness," Kuhnline said. "One of the issues the coordinators have encountered is that people associate the monologues with sex. The purpose ... is not to talk

about sex but to initiate a global movement to stop violence against females."

The monologues were originally a weekend event.

"It used to be, we performed the monologues one night, and it sort of blossomed into a week-long event," said Xander Kennedy, co-director of "The Vagina Monologues."

V-day changed between 1999 and 2004 into a week of fundraising and raising awareness about a cause of worldwide importance.

The events opened the lines of communication about violence against women.

"[People] who wouldn't normally talk about those faux pas things could talk about them now," sophomore Megan Lenehan, cast member said. "People I didn't even know were coming up to me telling me their intimate secrets, and it was very cool."

The WRC sold tickets for the monologues for a required donation. This helped raise a substantial amount of money for the year's chosen organizations.

The WRC continued its fundraising effort by selling chocolate and plaster shaped vaginas along with their usual T-shirts, buttons and patches in 2004.

WRC donated the money raised to non-profit organizations that supported women. The group raised over \$2,000 for Victim's Support Services in Kirksville and \$90 for Students Active for Ending Rape. Each year, Eve Ensler, author of "The Vagina Monologues," requested that 10-15 percent of the proceeds from her play be sent to a worldwide charity. The 2004 charity was a fund for the women of Juarez, Mexico.

V-Day organizers strived to increase empathy at the local level, where they say the most possibility for making change existed. They had high hopes of helping to lay the groundwork for social change.



ABOVE: Kim LeBaron, Victim Support Services executive director, receives a check from graduate students Dana Kuhnline and Suzanne Chappelow and senior Xander Kennedy. VSS used the donation for direct client services, such as paying for parts of victims' utility bills or rent.

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ABOVE: Joe Hayes and Amy Humphrey of Clatter play at the Vagina Week open mic and monologues. Clatter traveled from Columbia to perform, but the other three bands that performed were local.

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"The purpose ... is not to talk about sex but to initiate a global movement to stop violence against females."

-graduate student Dana Kuhnline

LEFT: Sophomore Christine Schlosser creates a piece of artwork at the Vaginal Art Workshop. The Women's Resource Center supplied students with paper, paint and plaster vaginas to create paper weights and magnets.

V-Day 171



FRONT ROW: Christina Wenger, Jennifer Hertlein. BACK ROW: Anne Schonhardt, Andrea Calvin, Maggie Mayhan, Xander Kennedy.

Society of Physics Students physics



FRONT ROW: Colin Coffman, Philip Schiff, Jarrett Johnson, Sucheta Jawalkar, Tanner Edis. SECOND ROW: Suzanne Leslie, Adam Bezinochiv, Chris Cook, Karl Hendrickson. BACK ROW: Nirjal Sapkota, Jennifer Young, Marianne Stuck, Ikechukwu Okonkwo.

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FRONT ROW: Courtney Wilson, Cheri Smith, Monica Crupe, Heather Schwegler, Janelle Brinkley, April Newman, Christine Koerner. SECOND ROW: Cammy Mold, Molly Wenberg, Angela Farabee, Jessica Whalen, Lacey Prater, Christina Still, Megan O'Day, Elizabeth Langer. THIRD ROW: Theresa Reck, Lois Hains, Sarah Muth, Stefanie Schroeder, Christina Collison, Molly Pull, Renee Pepmiller. BACK ROW: Tracy Bauer, Jessica Corrick, Erin Poettker, Lillian Cochran, Erin Clark, Sara Pendick, Betsy Braddock.

# missing opportunity

BY CHRIS BROWN

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Freshman Lauren Hamilton was an active student at Truman State University. Her extracurricular commitments included Student Missouri State Teachers Association, Campus Christian Fellowship and the National Education Association. She found it hard, as did many others who were overcommitted, to stay active.

Hamilton's remedy was to take a less-active role in SMSTA.

"There's definitely those that just come and participate, and then there's those that ... plan, and that's not me," Hamilton said. "I'm not a board member or anything."

Inactivity in organizations was a common occurrence at the University. Senior Tiffany Tiller, National Society of Collegiate Scholars president, said that NSCS had only 25 percent of its members active.

"[People aren't active] probably because Truman students in general are so involved in their organizations," Tiller said. "Most of them aren't involved in just one organization."

Other organizations reported similar numbers of inactive members.

"I would say, probably like 50 percent [of the people come on a regular basis]," said senior Meaghan Cochran, SMSTA president. "It's kind of hard to say because we have six officers."

Non-participating members often resulted from scheduling conflicts. Senior Katie Allen said she was an inactive member of NEA because of the meeting times.

"I guess it contradicts with [my active status in SMSTA]," Allen said. "I have a class right after the meetings, and I don't like to have to walk from Ophelia to Violette. Plus, with NEA you can pay your dues online, so I never had to go to the meeting to pay the dues."

Both active and inactive members joined for a variety of reasons. Senior Corinne Hufford, NEA president, first joined the organization because of a need to be involved in a major-related activity.

"[I joined] just because it was related to education,"

# overcommitment to organizations leads to low involvement and less participation

Hufford said, "I heard from other people that it was a good way to be exposed to different speakers about education and different topics on education."

Organizational publicity and membership drives early in the fall also factored in decisions to join.

Hamilton said that she joined out of a need to be prepared for the Master of Arts in Education coursework as a freshman. She said that teaching organizations encouraged incoming students to join.

Perhaps the biggest incentives to join some organizations were the financial benefits.

"[Members of SMSTA] have liability insurance ... if they substitute teach," Allen said. "So if I'm in the classroom and something happens, I have \$1 million liability insurance. There's also different travel benefits ... and life insurance policies."

Regardless of the benefits obtained simply by paying dues, active members agreed that those who chose not to attend the meetings were missing out. Hufford said that being active in NEA gave members a chance to learn more about the education field. Available opportunities attracted involved members.

"For me, it's the leadership thing," Cochran said. "I get to see a little more of what's going on within the organization. Rather than just coming to the weekly meetings, I get to plan them."

Active members, especially officers, said they would have liked to see an increase in meeting attendance and participation. Active members used a variety of methods to publicize their organizations and combat inactivity. Many officers kept members updated electronically.

"Right now, we send out e-mails, and we encourage people to check our Web site," Tiller said. "We also posted fliers for some of our service projects."

Members understood why some chose not to participate. The pros outweighed the cons, though, for those involved.

"I think it's beneficial [to be involved]," Allen said. "I've learned a lot, especially about being in the classroom and different issues that will be facing me. I think people are just missing opportunities by not coming."



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PHOTO BY MELISSA ALLEN

LEFT: Junior Carissa Allen, National Society of Collegiate Scholars member, plays sand volleyball with students from Kirksville Junior High. Allen planned the 2004 March to College, an event that helped introduce junior high students to college.

ABOVE: Junior Amanda Perschall reads "Bartholomew and the Oob-leck" by Dr. Seuss to students at Ray Miller Elementary School. The reading was part of Read Across America, an NEA program that occurred on Dr. Seuss' birthday.

# good vibrations

annual jazz festival brings much excitement



ABOVE: Visiting musician, John Abercrombie, and University alumnus Bill McKemy perform in Baldwin Auditorium during the Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival. In addition to touring and recording music, Abercrombie was a clinician and teacher.

"It's not about making money. It's about celebrating jazz music."

-junior Chris Lowery

PHOTO BY LORETTA PALMER

BY KAREN SCHWARTZTRAUBER

STAFF WRITER

**P**eople found "all that jazz" and more at the 2004 Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival. The festival had attracted over 1,000 bands and 50,000 musicians to Truman State University since 1969.

High school and junior high jazz bands competed at the festival. The students rehearsed and went to jazz clinics sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha, the University music fraternity, throughout the day.

About 30 bands competed in the 2004 festival. The students performed for judges and received a rating on how well they performed.

"The combo competition was great," said Ethan Vizitey, a Rockbridge High School senior. "The judges were really good and gave excellent suggestions."

An award ceremony honored the bands at the end of the day. The visiting directors were pleased with the result. The festival was a learning experience for many and was not a strict competition.

"It was a really good experience for us," said Charlie Blackmore, Clayton High School band director. "The facilities were really nice, and the clinics were real helpful for the students."

Phi Mu Alpha, with help from Sigma Alpha Iota, the University music sorority, sponsored a concert for the students that included the University Jazz Ensemble and a guest jazz player, John Abercrombie.

Abercrombie, a New York guitarist, drew a successful crowd to Baldwin Auditorium that evening. He was well known by many in the jazz community and had spent time recording with Gil Evans, Gato Barbieri, Barry Miles and many other artists. Abercrombie performed by combining the unique sound of the jazz guitar with traditional jazz.

The funding for the festival and Abercrombie's visit was not an easy situation in 2004, though. The Funds Allotment Council denied the festival funding, making finances tight. FAC had provided a great deal of financial assistance for the festival in previous

years, but despite a lack of funding, the festival was a big success.

"It's not about making money, it's about celebrating jazz music," said junior Chris Lowery, Phi Mu Alpha member. "The goal of the festival was to educate people about jazz and have fun with it."

The festival proved to do exactly that. Many of the high school and junior high students who visited the University were pleased with how the college students treated them. They said they did not feel they were treated any differently because they were younger.

"The festival was a great recruiting tool to find so many talented and potential students," said Dan Peterson, director of bands.

Many Phi Mu Alpha members thought the students performed well. Each band had a unique sound quality.

"I really like performing because it really pays off in the end," said Kayla Celestine, a Hazelwood Central High School sophomore. "This performance went very well for us, and we will be even better in our next competition."



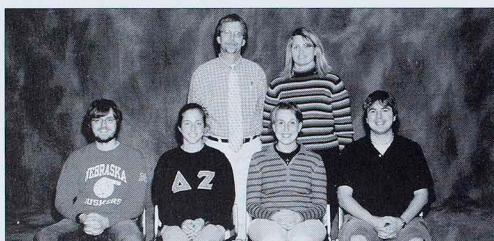
ABOVE: A group of students watch Greg Jones, professor of music, perform at the Jazz Festival instrumental clinic. University faculty taught six clinics throughout the day.

PHOTO BY CHRIS WALLER



FRONT ROW: Michelle Byington, Sarah Cole, Nathan Chambers, Brandon Collins, Elizabeth Schlitter, SECOND ROW: Peggy Amor, Katie Storms, Jennifer Haslag, Robert Kelchen, Jessica Lowe, Melanie Dunn. BACK ROW: Monica Kwiatek, Jonathon Burns, Bernadette Batliner, Juan Carlos Valencia.

Student Activities Board special interest



FRONT ROW: Micah McKay, Katherine Doherty, Kim Zamastil, Ryan Walkiewicz.  
BACK ROW: Winston Vanderhoof, Robin Taylor.

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FRONT ROW: Akash Bhalla, Chris LeBeau, Rachael Spavone, Raven Bowser, Amanda Wolf, Katy Igel, Dawn Juon. SECOND ROW: Sarah Warner, Lauren Bolland, Rebecca L. Martin, Ashley Butler, Kristen McManis, Meghan Kennedy, Mathew Robertson, Allie Hauser, THIRD ROW: Matthew Smith, Naomi Davis, Megan Duff, Chrissy Colpoys, Ashley Movold, Ellen Stoltze, Meghan Doherty, Kayla Medley, Andi Harrington. BACK ROW: Kelly Gammie, Alisha Dalsted, Gretchen Ott, Ryan Tichenor, Morgan Silvey, RJ Lindstrom, Josh Grahman.

# a stitch in time

BY EMILY RANDALL

STAFF WRITER

Many envisioned paintings and sculptures when they thought of artwork, not fiber creations like their bedspread, their favorite scarf or the T-shirt they had tie-dyed back in the Girl or Boy Scouts. A group of Truman State University students set out to change that.

A new campus organization began in fall 2003 for students who enjoyed and had a talent for sewing, printing, dying and weaving. The Organization of the Fiber Arts began with art students in the fibers class. It became a full-fledged organization with members, activities and events after obtaining a temporary charter in November 2003.

Fiber arts included anything made of fabric. Knitting and crocheting were included in this category, though they were not the main focus of the organization. Because projects occurred individually, with one aspect of the artwork being focused on at a time, individuals became very attached to their work.

The founders of the Organization of the Fiber Arts wanted a place out of class where fiber-lovers could go, much like other divisions of the art department, such as clay and painting groups.

"Our dream for this club is for it to be a place where if you're working on a project, you can bring it to a meeting and people can give you feedback," junior Katy Matheny said.

People also joined the organization for social reasons. Some found that it was a good way to get closer to their classmates.

"I get enjoyment out of doing fibers on my own," senior Katrina Kouba said. "In class your work is an assignment which you are required to do. In our club, we can make whatever we want."

The group had about 15 members by the spring semester.

"We actually have one guy, but it's pretty estrogen-heavy right now," Matheny said. "We're trying to recruit a couple other fiber guys."

Group members made and sold hand-dyed scarves on campus to kick off the organization and start fund

# fall 2003 sees fiber fans reaping what they sew with formation of organization of fiber arts

raising. They charged from \$7 to \$12 per scarf. Members sold all of the scarves, making their first fundraiser a success.

The organization attempted many tasks early on, including all the steps for trying to get a new organization running, such as deciding on the group's mission.

"It's kind of neat just to be a part of a starting organization," senior Annie O'Donnell said. "You can decide what you want to focus on with the group and what you don't. We just wanted to see what we could do."

The organization members displayed their artwork in March 2004 at the Washington Street Java Co.

"The reason we did our Java Co. show was because we wanted to get our name out there," O'Donnell said. "A lot of people don't realize you can do artwork with fabric."

Group members also planned a fiber event for elementary school children. They planned to make a simple fiber project, such as tie-dying, with the children.

"Working with the kids is something I really look forward to," Matheny said. "As an elementary education major, I am glad to have this organization to tie in involvement with the kids. It's something I would have liked to do anyway."

The organization's members turned out to be busier than expected during their first semester as an official group. The organization was excited about a pillowcase-decorating contest that Habitat for Humanity sponsored.

"Our enjoyment is in making beautiful things and finding out more about the whole process," Kouba said.

With hard work, initiative, talent and love for fibers, the Organization of the Fiber Arts reversed the obscurity of its art form in Kirksville and kept people warm with its scarves.



PHOTO BY LORETTA PALMER

LEFT: Junior Elizabeth Ebers hangs a fibers piece at Washington Street Java Co. for the Organization of Fiber Arts' first art show. The show ran March 1-21, 2004 and was used to promote the group's name within the community.

ABOVE: Senior Sara Hayden, junior Mairi Hansen and freshman Heidi Willhavick look at scarves made by the Organization of Fiber Arts during their scarf sale. The organization made \$165 from the 30 scarves sold at the sale.



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ABOVE: High Street dancers, sophomore Jessica Zuke, junior Beth Austin and sophomore Leah Kunard perform at an open mic night during Eating Disorders Awareness Week. The mic night hosted performances by Illusion Danz team, High Street Dancers, Truman Society of Dance Arts and the band Mara's Prison.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE STACY

"The week allows individuals to learn more about eating disorders and how to be supportive of individuals struggling with eating concerns."

-Philip Jorn, University Counseling Services staff member

# spreading the word

## sorority sponsors eating disorders awareness week

BY LIZ FERGUS

STAFF WRITER

The week of Feb. 23-27, 2004, was busy for service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma. It sponsored Eating Disorders Awareness Week, an event created to raise understanding of disorders such as anorexia, bulimia and binge eating.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week was one of many events ASG sponsored. The sorority had hosted this particular event since it was created in 1998.

"We created [EDA Week] to draw attention to the eating disorders that are most prevalent and to draw the attention of people who might be suffering from an eating disorder to try and give them an outlet to seek treatment," said junior Erin Haslag, Eating Disorders Awareness Week chairwoman.

Three main events occurred during EDA Week 2004. The first was an open mic night Feb. 24 in the SUB Down Under. It featured the band Mara's Prison, whose members, juniors Lacey Schneider and Kelly Muncy, an eating disorder survivor, performed three original songs.

"As a musician, I basically write music that replays and reflects moments in my life," Muncy said. "One song in particular, 'Beloved,' discussed my battle with self-worth and how society's thoughts and perceptions of me are insignificant ... I wanted to share that message with the people attending the open mic night."

The Truman Society of Dance Arts, High Street

Dancers and Illusion Danz team also participated in open mic night. Between performances students read excerpts from an eating disorder victim's diary.

Haslag led a panel discussion that included four sufferers of eating disorders and Philip Jorn, University Counseling Services staff member, on Feb. 25.

"I do think [EDA Week] is effective and makes a difference," Jorn said. "The week allows individuals to learn more about eating disorders and how to be supportive of individuals struggling with eating concerns."

The panel members told their stories and participated in a question and answer session.

A memorial at Kirk Memorial Building for eating disorder sufferers and victims was the last event of the week. ASG members and other attendees gathered around the Centennial Flame, lit candles and read messages written to victims, as well as the poem "Self-Esteem" by Virginia Satir.

Members worked at tables, where they accepted donations, gave out EDA Week bracelets and pamphlets, and sold T-shirts and flower drops, which were messages to sufferers.

"Getting involved was so much more than supporting my sisters in ASG and helping promote EDAW," Muncy said. "For me, it was an opportunity to be vulnerable about my battle with bulimia and [binge eating disorder], in an effort to spread awareness of the seriousness of eating disorders from my personal story."



ABOVE: Junior Holly Stephens receives an eating disorders awareness bracelet from sophomore Emma Williams. Bracelets were free, but money made from T-shirt and flower sales went to the National Eating Disorders Association.

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# putting meth in the gutter

## lambda chi alpha helps to raise money for adair county meth coalition

BY KIM DICKINSON

STAFF WRITER

Students had an opportunity to help Adair County fight the battle against methamphetamines in 2004. Lambda Chi Alpha and the SERVE Center, together with Days Inn, created Bowl Against Meth to provide this unique opportunity.

Bowl Against Meth was a night of bowling at Leisure World that was open to Truman State University students and the Kirksville community. The fund-raiser earned money for the Adair County Meth Coalition.

A member of the Adair County Meth Coalition contacted Thomas Sullivan, SERVE Center adviser and Lambda Chi Alpha alumnus, about helping with the fundraiser.

"It was something close to home, and it gave Lambda Chi a way to help the community, and the SERVE Center is always open to new volunteer opportunities," Sullivan said.

The SERVE Center and Lambda Chi took care of a lot of the publicity for the event. The SERVE Center contacted campus organizations by e-mail and through organization mailboxes in the Center for Student Involvement. It also advertised with a sign posted outside the SERVE Center and with advertisements in the Truman Today and on Campus Pipeline. Lambda

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON

ABOVE: Sophomore Elizabeth Ostby participates in Bowl Against Meth at Leisure World. Participants paid \$12 to bowl. Seven of those dollars paid for the cost of the lane, while the rest went to the Adair County Meth Coalition.

Chi members mailed out fliers, gave fliers to professors and described the event to their classmates.

Days Inn reserved lanes at Leisure World for the event and gathered prizes donated by local businesses.

Participants got the satisfaction of knowing that they

**"I wish there could have been more people here because it's a good cause."**

-junior Rachel Reinhold

were helping a good cause, and they also had a chance to win gifts. Those in attendance had the chance to win prizes throughout the night if the number on their ticket was called. The top-five highest scoring bowlers each took home a trophy.

The event raised a total of \$250 for the Adair County Meth Coalition, with 50 participants. The cost was \$12 to bowl for the four hours of the event. This fee included a \$5 donation to the Coalition.

While neither Lambda Chi nor the SERVE Center were planning other fund-raisers for the same cause, they hoped that Bowl Against Meth could happen again in the future to raise more money for the coalition.

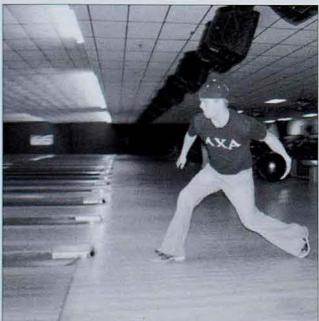
"I wish there could have been more people here because it's a good cause," junior Rachel Reinhold said. "It was the first time they did it, so hopefully in the future more people will find out about it. I thought it was really fun."

While some thought participation was low, others thought the night was a success.

"I think it made a difference, not so much in the amount of money we raised, but in the fact that we were able to provide publicity on campus and in the community for a worthwhile cause," said junior Eric Dearmont, Lambda Chi member.

Regardless of how successful people thought the event was, most agreed the event was worth the effort everyone put into it.

"The Lambda Chi's are very much in support of fighting against drugs of any kind, and I think they had a great turn out," said Alci Arias, Lambda Chi adviser. "They advertised for the event and got cooperation from the Truman campus."



LEFT: Junior James Martin looks down the lane as he hopes for a strike in Bowl Against Meth at Leisure World. The three-game high score of the night was 630.

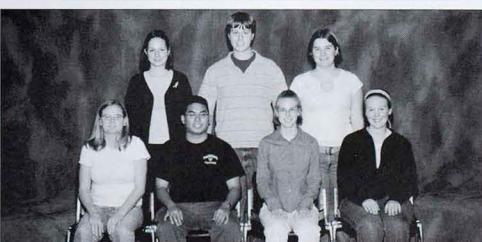
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FRONT ROW: Mark Vogel, Elizabeth Carrington, Sara Bear, Amy Olson, Andrea Brown, Bridget Evers. SECOND ROW: Ruqayya Muhammad, Laura Whitted, Jaime Lummis, Traci Daffer, Kristin Walstrom, Catherine Happ, Marcie Kottemann. BACK ROW: Beth Spinney, Sarah Linke, Elizabeth Huitt, Lindsey Heiserman, Ava Epps, Tiana Gericke.



FRONT ROW: Valerie Hentges, Megan Wiese, Kim Dickinson, Rebecca Holtane, Devin Weishuhn, Josh Grahlman. SECOND ROW: Kim Zamastil, Alisha Dalsted, Jennifer Hertlein, Michelle Pinney, Brandon Collins, Lisa Gilbert, Eliza McKay. BACK ROW: Michelle Byington, Dung Nguyen, Anne Zager, Alison Steel, Mandy Sheets, Bobbie Putman.



FRONT ROW: Shannon Masterson, Brian Santos, Carissa Allen, Sharon Peebles. BACK ROW: Colleen Fitzhenry, Jake Boling, Julie Wynn.

# new chapter, new honors



ABOVE: Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, congratulates Sigma Theta Tau members at the induction ceremony. Membership into the University's Nursing Honor Society cost \$25 a year, and membership into the International Nursing Honor Society cost \$55 a year.

nursing society receives official charter, becoming the 430th chapter of sigma theta tau international



BY JENNA KEEVAN

STAFF WRITER

One-hundred twelve students, faculty and community nurse leaders waited patiently in the Georgian Room of the Student Union Building on March 19, 2004. They were being inducted into the Rho Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the national nursing honor society, at the organization's chartering ceremony.

"Official chartering means that we are now officially a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, which was our intent all along," said Rebecca McClanahan, STTI treasurer and assistant professor of human potential and performance.

Six students attending nursing school at Indiana University (Indianapolis) founded Sigma Theta Tau International in 1922. The society had since evolved into 429 chapters across the globe. Truman State University became the 430th chapter.

The process for becoming a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International was rigorous. A nursing honor society that wanted to submit a charter application had to have been in existence for more than one year, have a prescribed number of members and have met eligibility requirements.

The University's nursing honor society had been in existence for six years in 2003. A representative visited in April 2003 to evaluate the nursing program after members submitted an application.

"The evaluator assessed our organization to make sure that the work had met all of the criteria for chartering," McClanahan said.

The local chapter sent a petition Nov. 5 to the House of Delegates in Toronto at the international biannual convention, and officials approved the University for a Sigma Theta Tau International charter. The University's chapter became the Rho Omega Chapter.

Three rituals occurred during the chartering ceremony: the presentation of the charter and code of arms, member induction and the installation of officers to the new chapter.

"All of the members worked really hard towards [the chartering ceremony]," senior

Alison Moss said. "The officers put a lot of effort into getting us chartered."

Moss was inducted into the University's Nursing Honor Society in fall 2003. She received her pin and certification and signed the inductee book at the ceremony.

Becoming chartered meant that the Rho Omega Nursing Honor Society would have a closer relationship with Sigma Theta Tau, which took over most management duties, such as mailing out notices and membership cards. The University's Nursing Honor Society also sponsored research days twice a year.

"For us, it is a big achievement," said Kit Hadwiger, president and assistant professor of human potential and performance. "It is a big honor."

The mission of the International Nursing Honor Society was to create better nurses for better health care. The International Nursing Honor Society recognized students, graduates, faculty and nurse leaders in the community.

"It gives recognition to nurses for outstanding scholarships and accomplishments," McClanahan said. "It enhances the nursing program."

## Amplifying Sigma Theta Tau

- Sigma Theta Tau had over 120,000 international members, but 96 percent were females
- Undergraduates had to complete half of the nursing curriculum, have at least a 3.0 GPA and rank in the upper 35 percentile of their graduating class to become a recognized member
- Rho Omega chapter members had to have senior status

ten students get more than just a trim while donating 110 inches of hair to locks of love

# hair today gone tomorrow



ABOVE: Freshman Annie Schippers and senior Charity Richardson have their locks cut by local hairdressers. People who did not want to donate hair could receive a hair cut in exchange for a donation. Donations totaled \$137, and Ryle Hall Senate donated an additional \$13 to make the amount an even \$150.

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**BY PEGGY AMOR**  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Years of care became only a memory for 10 Truman State University women with just a few snips of the scissors. These students donated 10-inch ponytails of hair to be made into wigs for Locks of Love. Ryle Hall Senate sponsored the event.

LOL used human hair to produce wigs for financially disadvantaged children living with long-term hair loss. This was a common side effect of chemotherapy, but it could have several other causes, including Alopecia areata, an untreatable disease causing the body's white blood cells to shut down the hair follicles. Locks of Love originally formed around this disease.

Children experiencing hair loss could have problems adjusting socially. Locks of Love, also known as Clips for Chemo, wanted to help these children live more normal lives.

Freshman Rachel Golbammer, Ryle Hall Senate community service chair, and senior Lindsey Willett organized the event.

"We had 11 ponytails, which is 110 inches of hair," Golbammer said.

Anybody who had 10 inches of healthy hair to donate got a free haircut and received a T-shirt provided by Patty's University Bookstore.

"It takes about 10 people donating to create one wig. If you look at it like that, we were able to donate a wig for a child, which is really great," said Mike Lueder, Ryle Hall director and Ryle Hall Senate adviser.

Sophomore Hannah Smith and two of her friends donated their hair together. Smith had long hair her whole life, so cutting it was a big deal.

"They had three different sections of hair rubber banded together, and I was just like 'Oh, this isn't so bad,' and then I heard the scissors," Smith said. "And I was just like 'oh no, oh no.' You hear one of them go, and then the next one and the third one, and then you're just like 'there's nothing left is there?'"

Ten inches did not seem like much to some, but for those who spent time taking care of their hair and carrying around the weight, it was a big change. The reward of giving it to a good cause was incentive enough for many students, though.

"Why not when I get it cut, get it cut for a good cause, and I think that's what a lot of people think," said Golbammer, who had donated her hair a few years before chairing this event.

Eventually, students adjusted to their new looks and the dramatic change in the care required.

"I took a five minute shower the other day and it was the most fabulous thing ever to happen to me," Smith said.



FRONT ROW: Stephanie Amick, David Doellman, Mark Kirtland, John Redden, Justin Fager, Justin Weinrich, Michael Shelton. SECOND ROW: David Bonner, Shawn Doyle, Grant Mulkey, Chelsea Schimmoor, Kelsey Umbarger, Patience Rhodes, Kenya Taylor, Matthew Seibert. BACK ROW: Matthew Smith, Jane Song, Gabe Kennon, Narissa Webber, Twink Pham, Laura Keck, Jennifer Coolidge.

## Students to Assist Recruitment special interest



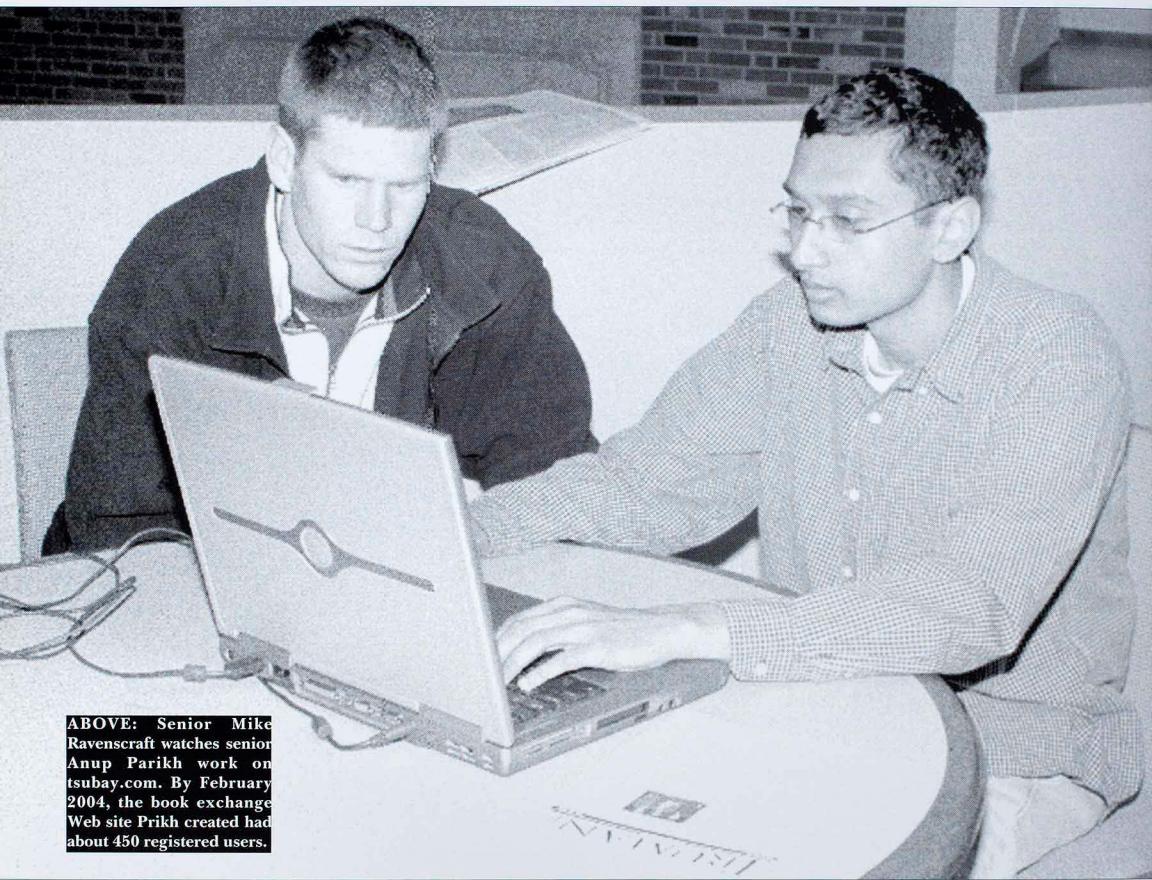
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## Tau Lambda Sigma service sorority



FRONT ROW: Hannah Casillo, Julie Schaper, Nicole Vazquez, Gloria Dirlbeck, Tarrah Moore, Ashley Hanson. SECOND ROW: Lori Dougherty, Stacey Unnerstall, Sarah Renshaw, Jennifer Anderson, Betsy Braddock, Laura Prewitt. BACK ROW: Stefanie Luzader, Ashley Amer, Janice Bunch, Sarah Anderson, Sarah Doedli, Amy Olson, Kristin Scott.

# bookstores beware



**ABOVE:** Senior Mike Ravenscraft watches senior Anup Parikh work on [tsubay.com](http://tsubay.com). By February 2004, the book exchange Web site Prikh created had about 450 registered users.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE STACY

a new book-exchange Web site, supported by Phi Kappa Theta, saves students money on textbooks



BY JENNA KEEVEN

STAFF WRITER

**M**any students griped about book prices and about how little they received when selling books back to a bookstore. One student was tired of losing money and came up with an idea he hoped would save Truman State University students a lot of money and hassle. Senior Anup Parikh came up with the idea in summer 2002 to start a Web site that allowed University students to buy and sell books online through other students.

"I created the site because I wanted to learn how to do it, and I used it as my project for my computer science major," Parikh said. "I was tired of getting ripped off by the bookstore. You sell the books back, and they give you so little for it. It was really annoying."

The site was named tsubay.com, and in November 2003 Phi Kappa Theta joined the project to help with marketing. The Phi Kaps put up posters and fliers to encourage students to use the site. Tsubay.com made a donation in the Phi Kaps name to the Children's Miracle Network in return for their work. Senior Mike Ravenscraft led the group's interest in the project.

"I was in charge of the marketing, strategic planning aspects of the business," Ravenscraft said.

While the Phi Kaps helped sell the site, Parikh created it and used a format similar to the Daily Jolt, an alternative campus Web site. His site, however, had the sole purpose of a comparsion bookstore.

Parikh took the site down in January 2003. Parikh worked to improve the site by making it not only a book exchange, but also a place where students could find course lists and other online textbook retail sites.

The site returned in spring 2004 and was successful. Senior Anita Pierre bought four books on tsubay.com and saved between \$50 and \$60.

"I bought books online before, but I like this site because you know what books the professor wants," Pierre said.

Pierre had bad experiences with Patty's

bookstore. She had been given the wrong book or edition several times. Pierre said she also preferred the online way of purchasing her books because she avoided the long lines and received a better deal.

Parikh said tsubay.com listed 600 books, exchanged 130 books and sold between 1,200 and 1,300 books from online retailers for the spring 2004 semester. Parikh and Ravenscraft made a percentage of money from the sales but only from the online retailers.

"We do not receive money when one student sells a book to another," Ravenscraft said. "That is a free service."

Parikh said it cost \$200 to run the site. Part of the expense came from buying book orders from the University at 10 cents each.

Parikh and Ravenscraft received positive feedback through the Web site, saying tsubay.com was a great service.

"Professors even contacted us to say that it is a great idea, or that the books that they wanted listed for their class was not on the site," Parikh said.

Though many students were happy with the site, junior Amanda Summers was not.

"They did not have the books I needed," Summers said.

Summers was also unsuccessful in selling her books on tsubay.com. She said she would keep using the site but only to see which books were required for her classes and to attempt to sell her books again.

Terry Woodring, University bookstore manager, said it was a good idea to share books and help each other out, but students did not realize what it did to the University.

"[Buying books from the bookstore] helps keep the tuition down," Woodring said. "Ten percent of the sales go back into the University."

Woodring also said that tsubay.com had not affected his business.

"The sources have already been there," Woodring said. "Now it is online. It is just a different avenue they're taking now."

Parikh said he planned to add more features and more searches so all students could get the cheapest price for their books.

# constitutional facelift

## revamping of constitution attempts to boost student-senate interaction

BY AMY DEIS

STAFF WRITER

Student Senate was dedicated to listening to students' voices at Truman State University, but its constitution limited the amount of service the Senate could do. The constitution committee worked during 2003-2004 to make changes that helped increase student involvement.

Sophomore Ebubechukwu Nwazota, constitution committee member, noted the vast changes in the structure of the Senate.

"Basically, the biggest thing was the internal dynamics of Senate was changing and the old constitution wasn't supporting the change in dynamics of Senate," Nwazota said.

The committee began changing the constitution in fall 2003. Senior Shawn Doyle, constitution committee member, made a preliminary draft for the new constitution in summer 2003.

"We felt that overall, the document needed to be changed substantially to be the most beneficial," junior committee member Grant Mulkey said.

Committee members proposed changes like removing the vice presidency role, reducing the number of committees from six to three and reducing the number of voting seats from 36 to 26. Another change made the secretary and treasurer appointed positions rather



PHOTO BY LORETTA PALMER

ABOVE: Senior Shawn Doyle and sophomore Ebubechukwu Nwazota discuss changes to the Student Senate constitution at a committee meeting. Doyle and Nwazota were two of four members of the Constitution and Standing Rules Review committee. The committee formed at the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

than elected.

"There will be a little more intimate setting so we will be able to have better discussion where people aren't going to feel as intimidated. Within the future, they'll be able to express their opinion on things," Mulkey said.

Another proposed change to the constitution was

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-senior Shawn Doyle

adding a partisan speaker to run meetings. The committee hoped that the non-biased speaker would allow the president, who ran meetings under the old constitution, to pursue his or her agenda for the Senate.

The committee's goal was to encourage more student involvement. Therefore, it added the chance for student organizations to send a representative to Senate meetings.

"I think it's important that we're trying to incorporate new ideas and new perspectives through the organizational representatives into the Senate," Doyle said. "One of the real driving forces behind the new constitution is that we feel Student Senate gets disconnected from the students and doesn't always know how to adequately represent them."

The committee faced a few challenges trying to approve all amendments through the Senate.

"The biggest challenge was convincing people that we actually did think about these things, and we are confident that these things will work and be viable 20 years down the road," Nwazota said.

Doyle agreed that most senators wanted the constitution to be changed but said not all students agreed with the improvements.

"The Senate generally agreed with the vision the committee set for the new student senate," Doyle said. "I think there were some disagreements of how that vision was going to be carried out, however."

The proposals had to go through a series of approvals for the amendments to take effect. The Senate had to approve each section and article and then vote on the proposed constitution as a whole. The constitution had to be approved by at least 5 percent of the student body.

Senior Heather Pierce, associate Senate member, urged students to vote on-line for the new constitution.

"The Student Senate is the only organization on campus that has to be approved by the student body," Pierce said. "We had to have student involvement."

The student body approved the constitution, and President Barbara Dixon and the Board of Governors made their final approval. The new constitution went into effect during April elections.

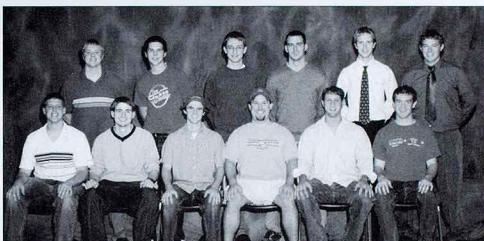
The Senate hoped students would be more involved and have their opinions heard.

"We're hoping that with all these changes, we'll see a more structured Senate and a more viable organization that would better represent students' interests," Nwazota said.



FRONT ROW: Melissa Nicol, Amanda Spegal, Jessica Miller, Mary Rybak, Kristen Overson, Alisha Raby. SECOND ROW: Krystal Dorsey, Nicole Kaschmitter, Eve Schlenk, Beth Spinney, TaniEEka Hammonds. THIRD ROW : Lindsey Mentel, Amy Coskey, Sara Marler, Becky Tague, Michelle Walsh, Ashleigh Bessey. BACK ROW: Eren Gallagher, Laura Whitted, Kelly Wikstrom, Antigone Haritos, Jennifer Jones.

**True Men a capella ensemble**



FRONT ROW: Nick Cloud, Greg Hudson, Travis Russell, Chad Lograsso, Jeff Henson, Matt Fieleke. BACK ROW: Andrew Hardee, Jared Nichols, Douglas Worley, Justin Doss, Caleb Pautz, Jeremy Branning.

**Truman Society of Dance Arts dance**



FRONT ROW: Lauren Kistner, Lindsay Hansard, Leigh Chaves. BACK ROW: Alicen Blassl, Leah Allman, Barbara Greenland, Camille Phillips, Meghan Esbenshade.



**ABOVE:** Junior Trey Robinson and freshman Nick Winchester fix up the cardboard house Habitat lived in on the Quad. "Habitat on the Quad" was the group's most profitable fund-raiser, bringing in almost \$1,000.

PHOTO BY KATIE KELLY

# building community

## habitat for humanity becomes more involved

BY BERNADETTE BATLINER

ORGANIZATIONS EDITOR

**S**tudents could not ignore Habitat for Humanity's presence on campus as the organization grew with the addition of projects such as Habifest and Habitat on the Quad.

"We're experimenting a lot because we hadn't really done too much with campus before," sophomore Habitat secretary Jo Ristow said.

"We're trying to figure out what works and what we want to continue and what we want to drop."

Junior Trey Robinson, Habitat president, agreed that the organization was evolving.

"It's not necessarily that we do anything different from one year to the next," Robinson said. "I just think it's what the campus community or what the Kirksville community is going to be interested in."

Beginning new projects also helped create bonds between Habitat members.

"One of the most exciting things we've started up doing, is the past two years we've gone on a spring break trip, and I think that's really been pivotal in the increased solidarity of our group," Ristow said.

Habifest was another new project for the organization.

"[Habifest] is basically a student-initiated day to advocate the need for low-income housing," freshman Kelsey Aurand said. "Based off of the idea that people who own their own homes are

more productive citizens, feel more secure in themselves, and live a little bit healthier, well-balanced life."

Ristow said Habitat's membership increased to about 50 people who regularly attended meetings and 250 people on the e-mail list. The growth contributed to Habitat's ability to do more on campus.

"I just think that the more people get involved and the more people care, the more things that

we get to do," Robinson said.

"We did a thing called 'Habitat on the Quad' this year, which is where we had about a dozen students build a house on the quad and live in it for four days. Stuff like that you can't really do if you don't have people that are driven and enjoy that type of thing."

Members set goals for further increasing Habitat's influence on campus and in the community.

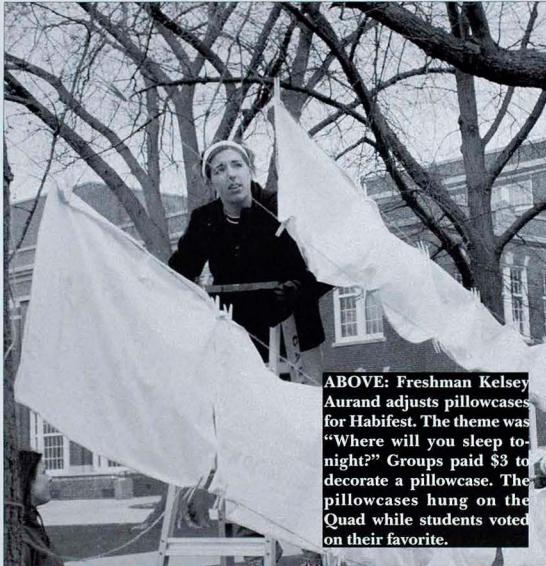
"It actually is one of my goals to be able to, before I graduate, raise enough money to sponsor our own house," Robinson said.

Others anticipated being involved in following years.

"I'm really glad that I became involved as a freshman because I really look forward to being involved all four years and kind of helping change the face of Kirksville — even if it's only a couple of houses at a time," Aurand said.

When looking toward the future, members expected Habitat to continue growing.

"I think [Habitat]'s the type of organization that can't go anywhere but up," Robinson said.



ABOVE: Freshman Kelsey Aurand adjusts pillowcases for Habifest. The theme was "Where will you sleep tonight?" Groups paid \$3 to decorate a pillowcase. The pillowcases hung on the Quad while students voted on their favorite.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON



FRONT ROW: Corie Bednar, Jennifer Drake, Ava Epps, Harry Cecil, Danisha Leigh. SECOND ROW: Mike Malone, Niki Cox, Donivan Foster, Karyn Stewart. THIRD ROW: Danielle Norment, Adetokunbo Aderibigbe, Ashley Adams, Laura Corona, Danielle Leveston, Melissa Bevel. BACK ROW: Laine Armstrong, Caitlin McCuan, Erin Boyle, Heather Webb, Stephanie Dunavant, Vicki Muhs.

University Swingers dance



FRONT ROW: Julie Bates, William Broz, Emily Forsyth, Eric Jerde, Hilary Wright. SECOND ROW: Nicholas Welchert, Kai Gansner, Nick Francis, Ben Harris, Mark McKelvey, Matt Kemp. BACK ROW: Abby Doriani, Lacey Hale, Kristen Shelver, Lauren Schulte, Ashley DeSmet.

University Swingers dance



FRONT ROW: Sean Stapley, Jennifer Coolidge, Amy Schweizer, Kenna Herdrich, Ashley Young. SECOND ROW: Lindsay Kempker, Suzanne Dusek, Jaime O'Sullivan, Katie Gilbert, Allison McCue, Maggie Deken. THIRD ROW: Karen Schwartztrauber, Jill Kasparie, Leah Young, Kelly Kasparie, Annie Haynes. BACK ROW: Rene Duncan, Brian Snyders, Jeff Scott, Alexander Gillette, KC Rowe.

# painters unite

BY LORETTA PALMER

STAFF WRITER

A club that offered students a chance to paint cookies during a fund-raiser was very rare. This club, however, did exist at Truman State University in spring 2004, courtesy of a group of ambitious painters led by junior Kate Sherron.

The club was cleverly named Pigmentally Challenged. The interesting name, created at a meeting by randomly throwing out options, was picked because it made reference to paint colors and members found it funny.

"We were trying to think of something really funny just because we were in a really goofy mood and throwing out all sorts of random names," Sherron said. "First it was Group Pigmentality, but that didn't really roll off the tongue. Somebody said Pigmentally Challenged and we thought it was really funny and we just kept it."

The club members were lighthearted throughout the building process but serious about their newly founded club.

"We wanted to have a little group because painters don't get to bond much because it's a very individual process and it's kind of lonely," Sherron said. "We wanted to make a group for painters to get to know each other."

The club encouraged camaraderie and also helped students build their repertoire.

"I can't speak for all artists, but I know that if I'm in contact with other artists and I have a good repertoire and constantly bouncing off ideas and talking with other people and seeing their work and their ideas in action, then it inspires me as well and drives me to do better," Sherron said.

Junior Jennie Gilmore agreed that getting feedback was important.

"I think you can learn from other people a lot just as far as technique and style and people's creative ideas," Gilmore said.

The University also had the Art Club and the Fiber Art Organization for students, but Pigmentally

# pigmatically challenged works to bring university artists together to learn and to gain inspiration

Challenged focused on the specific discipline of painting. The club was not restricted to art majors. Anyone interested in painting or learning more about painting was welcome to join. About eight to 10 people were actively involved in the organization throughout 2003-2004. Members hoped that the club would gain popularity.

"I hope that it catches on with upcoming painting kids and that they want to get involved," Sherron said. "It would be nice to see people in the community get involved as well."

Throughout the year, the organization did several activities, including a bake sale. The sale was successful and gave students a chance to "paint" their own cookie. The "paint" was actually thin, watered-down frosting. Students could buy two cookies for 50 cents and for an extra 25 cents they could "paint" their cookie. Gilmore said that the students had a lot of fun with that activity.

The club also sent two members to Chicago to see the Art Institute and experience the big city atmosphere. In addition, club members had the honor of displaying their artwork at Washington Street Java Co. in downtown Kirksville from April 26 to May 2. Pigmatically Challenged co-sponsored this event with the Women's Resource Center. Throughout the year, the club had weekly or biweekly meetings Thursday nights in Ophelia Parrish, as well as monthly social events such as dinners and movies. The dinners and movies were at one of the members' houses and the movie usually dealt with art to promote conversation among members.

The members said they thought that the meetings and social events were beneficial to the painters.

"We thought it was a good way to get people that were interested in painting all together to talk about some different issues in art," Gilmore said.

The club was beneficial because painters did most of their work individually and engaged in very little communication about their discipline.

"Anything that gets them together and gets them to talk about painting helps you out and gets that social aspect in there because you can easily be divided," junior Lisa Payne said.



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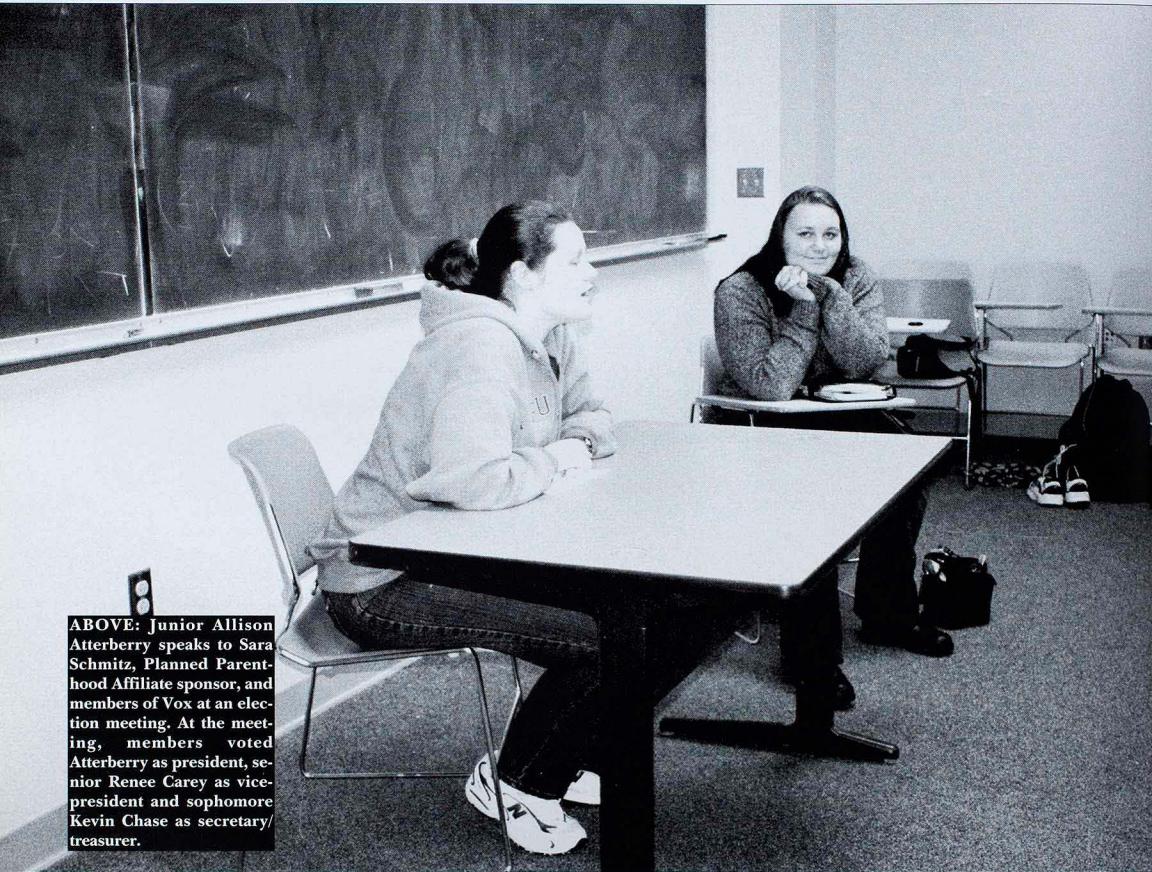
ABOVE: Junior Shannon McCarthy, Pigmatically Challenged member, submits a painting to Tom Thumb while graduate Julia Karl writes down her information. Several members of Pigmatically Challenged submitted work to the show but involvement was an individual choice.



PHOTO BY LAURA BLAKEY

LEFT: Junior Kate Sherron paints a cookie at the Pigmatically Challenged bake sale. The money raised went to general funds to use for future projects.

# a voice is heard



**ABOVE:** Junior Allison Atterberry speaks to Sara Schmitz, Planned Parenthood Affiliate sponsor, and members of Vox at an election meeting. At the meeting, members voted Atterberry as president, senior Renee Carey as vice-president and sophomore Kevin Chase as secretary/treasurer.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON

new organization speaks out to educate and inform university students about sexual health



BY MONICA KWiatek  
ASSISTANT ORGANIZATIONS EDITOR

**A** new voice existed on campus that became stronger each day. The voice belonged to Vox, or Voices for Planned Parenthood. Vox, which was the Latin word for "voice," was a national organization that Planned Parenthood sponsored.

The Truman State University chapter began in fall 2003. Vox members dedicated themselves to educating students about sexuality and providing a place for those who supported abortion rights to feel welcome.

"Our main goal is to increase reproductive health through education," said junior Allison Atterberry, founder and president of Vox. "We just want to tell people how they can protect themselves. We realize that people are still going to be having sex, or are going to be participating in sexual activities, and we just believe that people should be doing it safely."

Bertha Thomas, Vox's adviser and assistant dean of multicultural affairs, agreed.

"I believe in protecting reproductive rights, and I have a strong belief that all people should have as much information as possible about the full range of their bodies," Thomas said.

Vox members spent their first year on campus making their presence known by informing people about sex and sexually transmitted infections. They handed out brochures and condoms for World AIDS Day in December 2003 and at a health fair that University nursing students sponsored. The group also handed out brochures, condoms and another special treat at the Vagina Monologues.

"We had a bake sale," Atterberry said. "We actually had vagina-shaped cookies — cookies that looked like vaginas."

Atterberry hoped to hold an oral sex campaign in fall 2004.

"We want to do an oral sex campaign because so many people don't know how diseases are transmitted through oral sex, or that they're transmitted, or how to protect themselves," Atterberry said.

Vox also reached out to students who

supported abortion rights and needed a place to feel welcome.

"We're trying to reach the people who already are pro-choice and want a community where they can feel a member," Atterberry said. "Or people who are borderline, those who don't know if they're pro-choice or anti-choice. We realize the people that are currently anti-choice are not going to change their minds. But we just want our voice heard."

Sara Schmitz, Tri-Rivers Planned Parenthood Community Educator and University alumna, agreed that the pro-choice aspect of Vox was important. She said that the University campus was generally pretty conservative and did not have any other outlets like Vox.

"It gives off the image that everyone [at Truman] is just as conservative," Schmitz said. "And that's not true — there are people that are pro-choice on the Truman campus, and I think those people need a voice, and when they all come together, they have a bigger voice and a very important one."

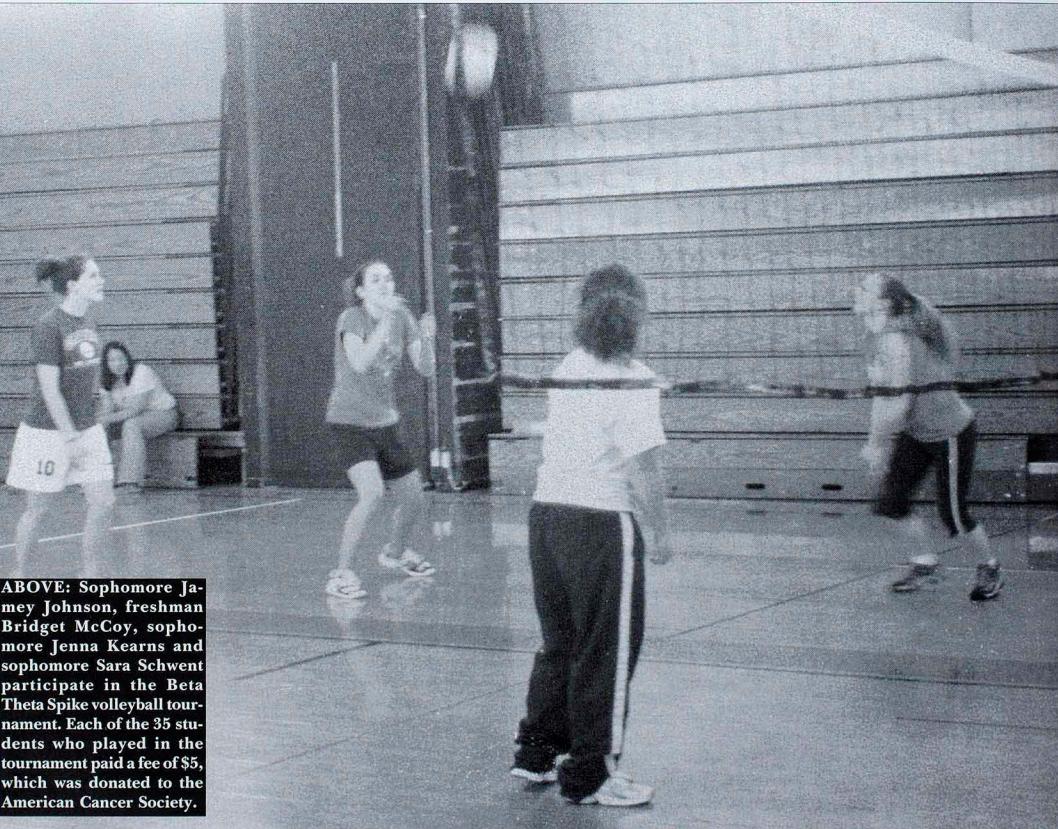
Vox continued to raise its voice to educate University students, regardless of one's view.

### Amplifying Vox

- Emergency contraceptive, which was available through Planned Parenthood, could be used up to 120 hours after sexual activity.
- The United States had the highest teen pregnancy rates in the western world in 2003-2004.
- The U.S. government spent about \$50 million on "abstinence-only" sex education programs each year.

fraternity hosts second annual volleyball tournament to raise money for charity

## betas spike it up



ABOVE: Sophomore Jamey Johnson, freshman Bridget McCoy, sophomore Jenna Kearns and sophomore Sara Schwent participated in the Beta Theta Spike volleyball tournament. Each of the 35 students who played in the tournament paid a fee of \$5, which was donated to the American Cancer Society.

PHOTO BY LORETTA PALMER

## BY PSHYRAH MADGE

STAFF WRITER

**S**igns filled the bulletin board at the Student Recreation Center urging women to form teams and sign up weeks before the event. The volleyball nets went up March 20, 2004, and about 30 women broke out their kneepads, ready to break a sweat and capture the trophy.

The Kirksville High School gym smelled of sweat and determination as these women gathered to claim victory. This was not the Truman State University volleyball team. Instead, it was University women that had gathered to participate in the second annual Beta Theta Pi Spike Volleyball Tournament.

The tournament was a four on four, double elimination, all girls' competition. All proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. The 2004 tournament consisted of six teams, each having four to six players.

"I decided to do it because it sounded like fun, and I miss playing — also it was for charity," freshman Ashley Schachner said.

Schachner and her team members were there for the entire tournament and took second place.

The fraternity said it encountered some organizational problems, though, because 2004 was only the second year of the tournament.

"Well, originally we wanted to have it at the Rec, but there was already an event going on, so we had to change it to Kirksville High School," sophomore Tyler Nobice said.

Nobice believed the location of the event might have discouraged potential participants.

"We hope that as the years progress, people will get more used to hearing about it, and it'll help us get more participants," Bill Leeds said.

Leeds and Nobice organized the tournament and had innovative ideas and big plans on ways to improve the tournament in 2005.

"We really want to get more publicity next year, so we are thinking of ways to get some businesses involved and getting T-shirts made for participants," Leeds said.

The fraternity members were not the only ones concerned with possible improvements.

"The [volleyball] nets were old, and I wish there were more teams," Schachner said. "I think that they can get more teams if they put more information out about the tournaments."

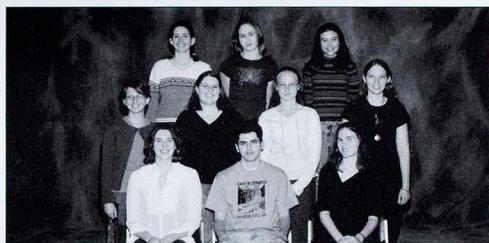
Nobice did not know why the fraternity chose volleyball over other sports, but he saw 2004 as a building year and was open for suggestions from others, in addition to his own ideas about making the tournament better in following years.

"We have a lot of new ideas to make grow," Nobice said.

The 2004 tournament successfully raised \$150 for the American Cancer Society.



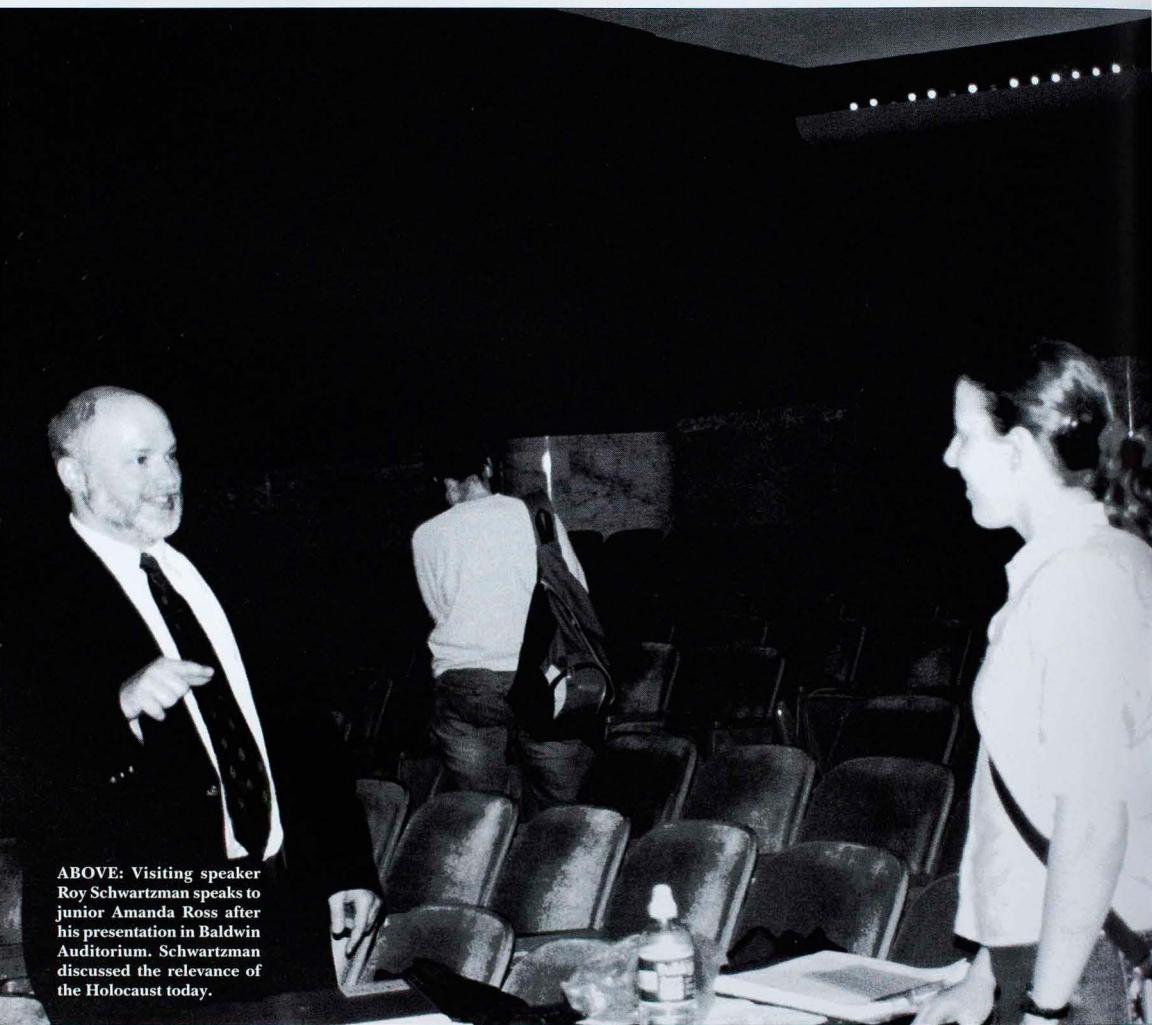
FRONT ROW: Richard Northcutt, Ryan Delgado, Jennifer Finley, Brooke Baumann, Mackenzie Taylor. SECOND ROW: Sharon Peebles, Justin McAninch, Casey Carroll, Kylee Montgomery. THIRD ROW: Carissa Allen, Amy Olson, Sara Babler, Melissa Nicol, Melissa Allen. BACK ROW: Elizabeth Gentry, Jenifer Hamilton, Andy Linsenhardt, Craig Matzes, Kyle Rader.



FRONT ROW: Peggy Amor, Andres Delgado, Maggie Mayhan. SECOND ROW: Rhiannon Shoultz, Jessica Ford, Kristen Lambeth, Christina Stroetker. BACK ROW: Michelle Alford, Jessica Bennett, Jennifer Bingaman.

# community of faith

hillel brings followers together



ABOVE: Visiting speaker Roy Schwartzman speaks to junior Amanda Ross after his presentation in Baldwin Auditorium. Schwartzman discussed the relevance of the Holocaust today.

"Our goals are to increase awareness of the Jewish community at Truman, provide support for the Jewish faith and to increase knowledge of Judaism"

-junior Matt Sonn



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BY KATIE KELLY

ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

**F**ew students at Truman State University knew about Hillel, a Jewish student organization, but it represented a special time and had important meaning for members. Hillel gave students a group to identify with through their faith.

Hillel consisted of 10 active members. Among the members were offices of president, vice-president, vice-president of Judaic affairs, secretary and treasurer. Junior Hillel president Matt Sonn said that individuals did not have to be Jewish to be a member. All of the members during 2003-2004, however, were Jewish. The organization had existed for about three years.

"We are just starting to get our feet off the ground," junior Amanda Ross said.

The group was able to do more and have more events in 2004 because its membership grew.

Hillel had weekly meetings and periodic movie nights to keep members involved and to promote awareness of the Jewish community on campus.

One of the big events Hillel had during the 2003-2004 school year was Holocaust week April 15-18. The purpose of the week was to promote the national day of Holocaust remembrance. During the week, which lead up to a victim name reading and storytelling at the Flame to the Second Century, the group hosted a speaker, a memorial service and a showing of the movie "Schindler's List."

Sophomore Ben Kort, vice-president of Judaic affairs, thought it was necessary to educate the public about something on this level of significance.

"In light of recent national prominence of people not recognizing the importance of the Holocaust, it is important to educate people so it is not forgotten," Kort said.

The events sponsored by Hillel during the year were often open to the public for this reason.

The group had a special service each week. The group did not hold Sabbath services but

planned to do so in the future. Members of the Jewish community in Kirksville had a difficult time practicing their faith because the nearest synagogue was 90 miles away. Hillel would travel to Columbia together on high holidays to celebrate with other members of the Jewish faith.

The organization, however, did celebrate Passover with its sponsor family. Members also did things on their own outside of these activities.

Hillel members acted as a support group for each other and tied fellow members together religiously. It was a way to connect Jews in Kirksville in the absence of a strong Jewish community.

"Our goals are to increase awareness of the Jewish community at Truman, provide support for the Jewish faith and to increase knowledge of Judaism," Sonn said.

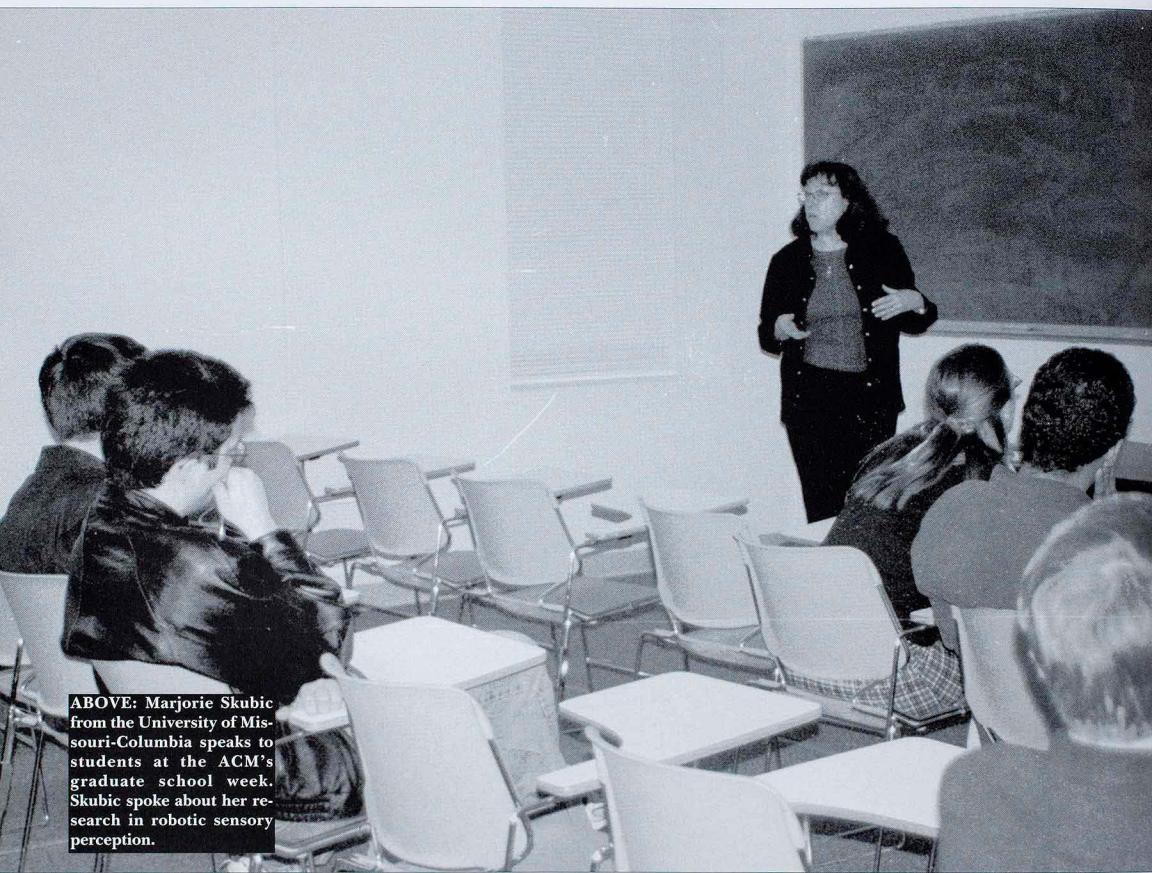
Interested students were welcome to come to the events and get involved. Anyone could come and listen in, although a student could not vote on matters during a meeting unless they were a Hillel member.



ABOVE: The Flame to the Second Century burns after the Holocaust name-reading ceremony. Participants read stories about children who survived the Holocaust or whose parents died in the Holocaust.

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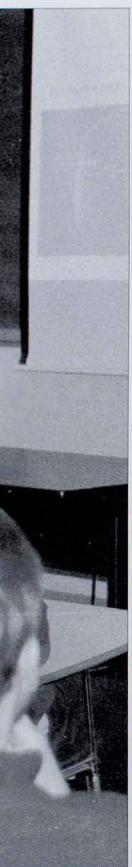
# options for graduates



ABOVE: Marjorie Skubic from the University of Missouri-Columbia speaks to students at the ACM's graduate school week. Skubic spoke about her research in robotic sensory perception.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY HANSON

the association for computing machinery hosts a graduate school week to inform computer science majors about furthering their education



BY KAREN SCHWARTZTRAUBER

STAFF WRITER

Computer science majors received a bright welcoming to graduate school during the week of March 29–April 2, 2004. This week became known as graduate week for those attending the event. It was not, however, for graduates, but was geared toward undergraduate students hoping to attend graduate school.

The Association for Computing Machinery presented the event, hoping that more undergraduate students pursuing computer science degrees would consider furthering their degrees. Speakers from schools across the Midwest came to Truman State University to present information about what graduate school had to offer and what students could hope to experience while there.

"We tried to bring speakers that talked about different research topics such as robotics, sensory perception and new computer hardware opportunities," senior ACM president Mohamed Elidrisi said. "The focus of the event was to get students thinking about graduate school in hope that they pursue this sort of further education."

About 20 students attended the event where they heard the research of three different speakers from some of the top schools in the Midwest. The discussion was slightly informal, allowing students to interact with professors and ask questions if needed.

"It was beneficial to get an idea of what I would be doing if I went to graduate school in computer science," senior Dana Schoonover said. "It helped give an idea to the students here of what was actually going on outside of Truman State."

The first year for the event was 2004. The ACM sponsored the week through a mixture of different fund-raisers. The ACM hoped to have more funding for a broader variety of speakers in 2005. Some of the fund-raising ideas were computerized matchmaking for students at the University and to continue the

LAN game tournaments.

"Next year, the ACM hopes to have more advertising for the event in order to reach even more computer science students," Elidrisi said. "This event will also benefit students in other areas of science, as well."

Many students later went to dinner with the speakers. At dinner, they were able to have a one-on-one discussion about the topics that had been presented. Overall, the students were pleased with what the professors had to say about graduate school.

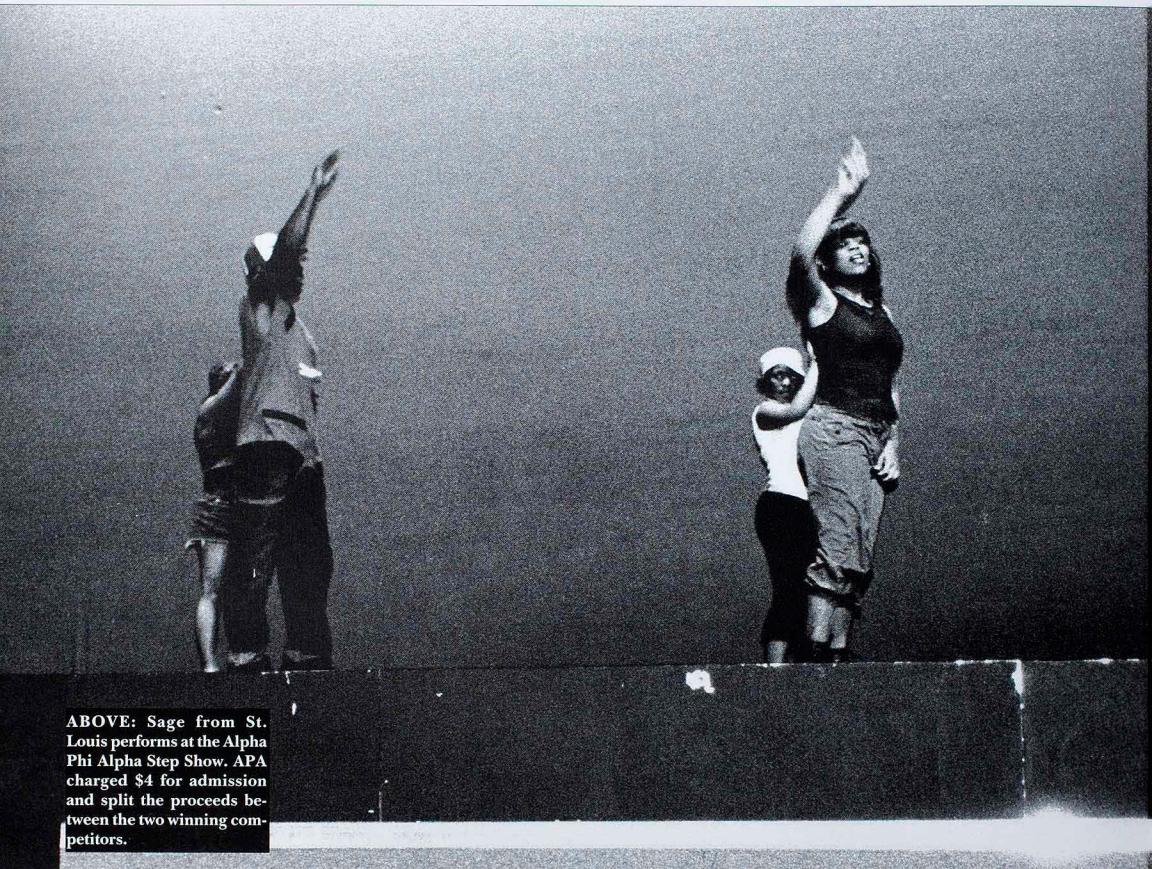
"I thought it was a really good opportunity for people in the computer science major," junior Clarke Cooper said. "Most people don't seem to go to graduate school and instead search for jobs right out of college. It is encouraging to see that students in this degree are still interested in expanding their education even further."

Cooper would be the ACM president for the 2004-2005 school year. He said that the ACM planned on making this event an annual opportunity for University students.

## Amplifying ACM

- ACM hosted an annual capstone symposium allowing students to present their research to computer science faculty
- Three speakers invited for graduate school week gave advice about graduate school and spoke about their research on Real-Time Linux, Evolutionary Computing and robotic sensory perception and how it could aid the elderly

# a step above the rest



**ABOVE:** Sage from St. Louis performs at the Alpha Phi Alpha Step Show. APA charged \$4 for admission and split the proceeds between the two winning competitors.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY HANSON

alpha phi alpha organizes its first step show, uniting dancers from across missouri



BY AMY DEIS

STAFF WRITER

**A** small college town like Kirksville could not offer students big town events and entertainment. Senior Walter Washington, Alpha Phi Alpha vice president, had a vision in 2002 that would bring people to Truman State University and give students something to go to.

"I was kind of thinking about it two years ago — a new event to showcase the Truman campus and give the students something to go to other than just Homecoming," Washington said. "At the time it was a little bit out of my reach."

Washington and the rest of the APA members decided to plan a step show that not only attracted attention to the University, but also united schools from across Missouri.

"The purpose of the event was really to give the students something to do," Washington said. "Outside of Homecoming, there's really not too many events that attract people to Truman's campus, so we wanted to throw something, a social event, since we're a service organization we do a lot of service, something that would promote Truman and get people to come to Kirksville."

Washington sought help from the Funds Allotment Council after planning the step show.

"We had a lot of help from FAC," Washington said. "We approached FAC already having planned the event and ways that would make the event attractive to other teams not based in Kirksville ... we managed to provide [the teams] with hotel rooms and food and other special incentives to get them to participate."

Raising money was the least of Washington's concerns, though. The big task was finding other step and dance teams willing to compete.

"I really used my resources, like I called other [APAs] that I knew on the campuses, and I asked them to give me contacts from various step teams, various organizations and fraternities that were down there,"

Washington said. "We wanted to make it a state-wide competition and not just Truman fraternities or dance teams. We really had to look high and low for various teams."

APA invited three social fraternity step teams and two dance teams, including the University's own Illusion Danz Squad. The other teams that competed were Southeast Missouri State University's (Cape Girardeau) Phi Beta Sigma, Central Missouri State University's (Warrensburg) Omega Psi Phi, University of Missouri-Rolla's Alpha Phi Alpha and Harris Stowe State College's (St. Louis) Shades dance team.

Illusion Danz Squad won the dance competition and APA from Rolla won the step competition. Illusion received around \$525 in winnings and planned to use the money to help with costs for its team.

Senior Kenya Taylor, Illusion captain, said her team was excited to compete and win.

"[APA] asked us [to compete] and we wanted to do a competition this year, but we didn't know if we'd have time to travel this year with other prior engagements," Taylor said. "It was worth it, though, and all our practice actually paid off."

Senior Gina Manuel attended the step show and said she was impressed by the success of the event.

"For the first year out, there are obviously going to be some tough spots," Manuel said. "I thought it was very interesting. Some of the fraternities could have been a little more appropriate in their actions. I definitely think that stepping is a really cool art, but I felt like people were degrading it."

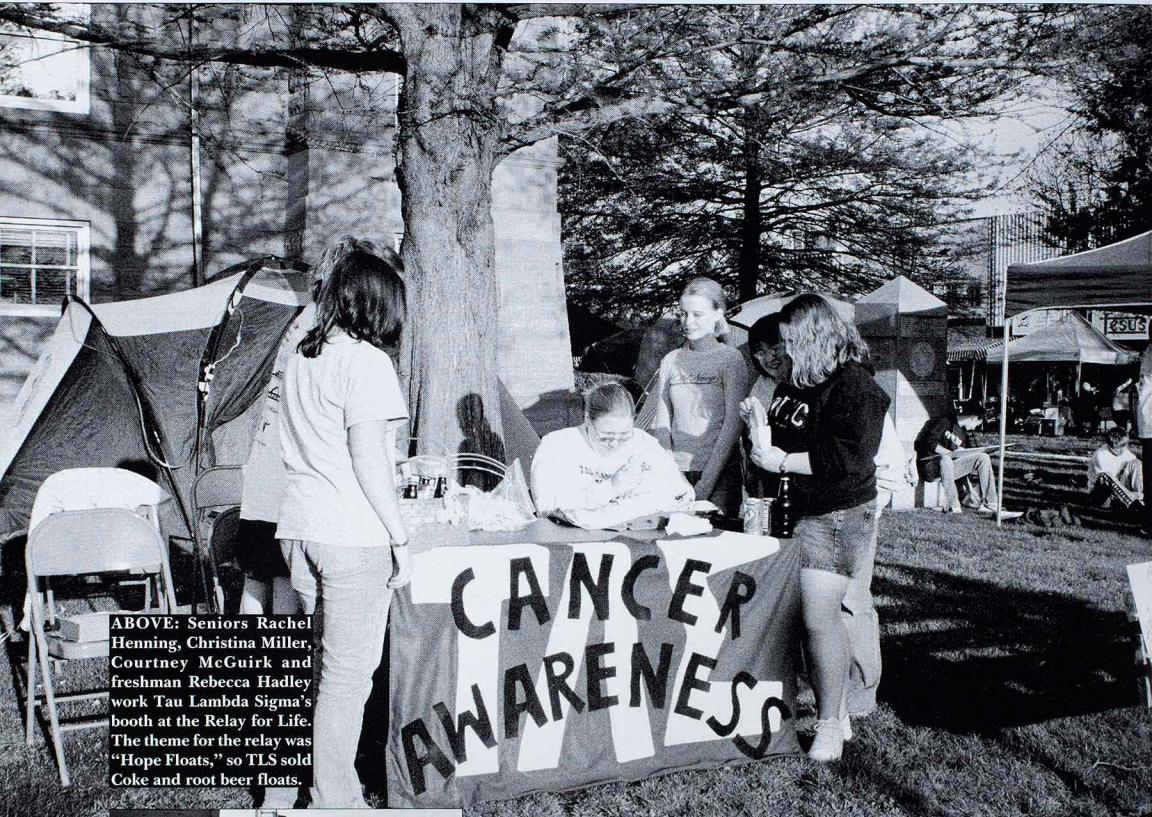
Manuel also said she did not think the show reflected poorly on APA.

"The things that happened I don't think reflected [APA] because they didn't have control over what was going to happen," Manuel said. "But I think they could have put some rules and regulations on them."

Washington hoped students had fun.

"I just hope it was well received by the Truman students," Washington said. "If we get positive feedback, then we will definitely do it again."

# hope floats at relay



ABOVE: Seniors Rachel Henning, Christina Miller, Courtney McGuirk and freshman Rebecca Hadley work Tau Lambda Sigma's booth at the Relay for Life. The theme for the relay was "Hope Floats," so TLS sold Coke and root beer floats.



PHOTO BY ASHLEY HANSON

ABOVE: Cancer survivors release balloons at the Relay for Life in honor and in memory of those with cancer. Tau Lambda Sigma's final 2004 contribution to the American Cancer Society totaled \$1,520.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY HANSON

groups continue their involvement in the annual relay for life, helping to support the american cancer society

## BY BRANDI BROWN

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Three organizations at Truman State University, along with Kirksville businesses and one church, sacrificed an entire night of sleep to help fight cancer. Tau Lambda Sigma, Alpha Kappa Psi and Ryle Hall each formed a team to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The relay occurred April 23-24 from dusk to dawn. Twelve teams gathered at 7 p.m. to begin the 12-hour walk-a-thon around the Kirksville square. Although the late hours made for a tiring evening, participants left the Relay feeling much more satisfied than exhausted.

"I feel that [Relay for Life] is important because for one, it honors those who have been through the experience ... and it also gets people to understand what patients go through," junior Alisha Raby, TLS team captain said. "I also think it's important trying to raise the funds for research ... because hopefully, there will be a cure."

The Relay occurred nationally every year from dusk to dawn, symbolizing a cancer patient going through chemotherapy. The darkness represented the patient's pain and fatigue, while the morning represented the patient's remission period.

To celebrate the survivors, about 50 former cancer patients walked one lap around the square. Relay teams also released balloons in the evening and lit about 500 luminaries in honor and in memory of cancer victims.

Sophomore Michelle Walsh, AKP team captain, said the survivor lap was a memorable experience.

"At the beginning, they had survivors walking, and I have a lot of friends who know someone with cancer," Walsh said. "I just kept thinking, 'Some people suffer with cancer, so the least I could do was walk for a while.'"

Another relay participant, senior Eve Schlenk, said the luminary lighting was the most significant part of the evening. Schlenk had a personal tie to the Relay because her father died from cancer when she was in seventh grade.

"I think the luminaries is a really neat concept because it's been done for so many years by so many different cultures and countries," Schlenk said. "And it's kind of sad

but neat too that, you know, some of the candles will go out, and you can't relight them — just like a cancer patient. The symbolism involved is really neat."

Although many thought that the Relay was an enlightening experience, a lot of hard work went into making the event a success.

TLS had supported the American Cancer Society for over five years. A former TLS member was diagnosed with cancer, and as a result, the American Cancer Society became the group's major philanthropy. To help support their philanthropy, members started raising money in the fall.

The group raised funds by distributing cancer ribbons and selling baked goods. Its most popular fund-raiser, however, was Lincoln for Lincoln, which sent pennies in letters asking recipients to return the letter with a five-dollar bill. TLS raised \$1,520 for the American Cancer Society.

Another group that raised money for the American Cancer Society was AKP. Its members collected sponsorships for the Relay on an individual basis, and as a group, donated about \$600. One of its fundraisers had members pay \$1 to be able to dress down at its meetings.

Many people contributed to making the Relay for Life a success, and the event raised about \$20,000.

## Amplifying Relay For Life

- About 500 luminaries in honor and in memory of cancer victims surrounded the downtown area during the relay
- The relay ran from dusk to dawn to symbolize the dark times cancer victims go through and the brighter days of remission
- Dancers and bands performed for participants during the relay

Whether a team walked away at the end of the season with a winning or losing record, members would always carry the unnoticed details on which it thrived.

Teams would remember the excitement that came with every goal, the roar of the fans as the basketball swished through the hoop, the silent beauty of a 300-yard drive or the grunts of wrestlers and the blood on the mat. Others would remember the thud of the volleyball on the opposing side's court, the steady rhythm of runners' feet circling the track or the crack of the bat and the rush of a stolen base.

The women's swim team would remember its fourth national victory, and time would seem to stand still as crowds cheered for friends and classmates. Relationships endured on and off the field, and the amplified details remained within the moments of both defeat and glory.



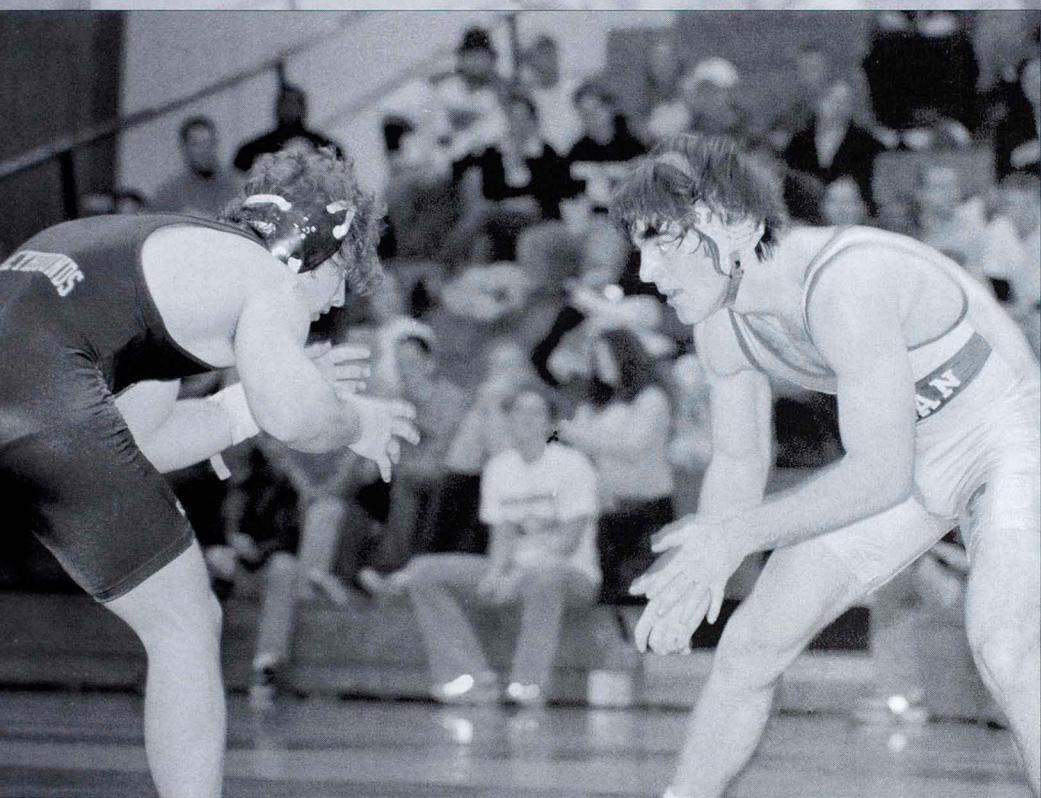


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# Sports

Echo 2004

Sports 207



**ABOVE:** Freshman back Wes Frevert moves the ball down the field in a game against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Bulldogs pulled out a win of 1-0. The team went undefeated in regular season play.

PHOTO BY KATIE SIMMONDS

## -SCOREBOARD-

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	1/0
Lewis University (Ill.)	3/2
University of Wisconsin-Parkside	1/0
Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights)	2/0
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	1/0
Rockhurst University (Kansas City)	2/0
William Penn University (Iowa)	2/0
University of Missouri-Rolla	2/0
Colorado School of Mines (Golden)	2/1
Colorado Christian University (Lakewood)	4/0
University of Southern Indiana (Evansville)	3/0
Oakland City University (Ind.)	3/0
Gannon University (Pa.)	1/0
University of Missouri-St. Louis	4/0
William Woods University (Fulton)	4/0
Quincy University (Ill.)	1/0
Christian Brothers University (Tenn.)	2/1
Harding University (Ark.)	5/0
Missouri Southern State College (Joplin)	4/0
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (NCAA Div. II Regional Final)	5/2
University of Findlay (Ohio) (NCAA Div. II Quarterfinals)	1/2



**FRONT ROW:** Ricky Vigil, Sam Phelps, Martin Clayes, Andrew Pichee, Geoff Brengle, Brett Coppage, Bryan Defoe, Andy Lakers, Chad Baldwin, Brent Rauch. **SECOND ROW:** Jared Atwood, Sean Birrell, Nate Gibson, Paul Hamilton, Alf Bilbao-head coach, David Salvatierra-student assistant coach, Adam Johnson, Brenton Freeman, Ryan Cravens. **BACK ROW:** Nate Gaudreault, Nathan Pearsall, Stian Gundersen, Matt McCarthy, Luke Bolar, Wes Frevert, Mike Boyle, Lars Pottgiesser, Kevin Barry.

# Victory in the 'Ville

## 'Dogs escalate, end regular season undefeated

BY JOHN VUKELICH

STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team managed one of the most historic runs in the NCAA Division II Midwest Region by going on the second-longest winning streak in history and finishing with a record of 26 wins and only one defeat.

An early concern for the Bulldogs was a challenging schedule. The team played nine of its first 13 games on the road, with several being played against ranked opponents.

"The most difficult part of the year was the first six or seven games," senior midfielder Brett Coppage said.

Defeating talented opponents early in the season allowed the team's winning mentality to continue growing.

"After playing well for the first six to seven games, we began to realize that we had a shot of having such a good season," Coppage said.

The experience gained during the first part of the season enabled the Bulldogs to mesh well together as a team.

"Total team chemistry was a key factor in our success," Alf Bilbao, head coach said. "Everyone supported each other."

Returning starters to key positions and training throughout the year gave the 'Dogs an experience advantage over other teams.

"Everyone did all that I asked for," Bilbao said. "If it was for 10 minutes, 60 minutes or for the full 90 minutes, it was a total team effort."

A stalwart defense, led by freshman goalkeeper Nate Gibson, served as the backbone for the 'Dogs continuing success on the field and kept the team in every game it played.

Timely goals enabled the team to enter Div. II tournament play with an undefeated record and a No.

2 national ranking.

The team's only loss came in the quarterfinals against the University of Findlay (Ohio), which was ranked fifth. Findlay scored the go ahead goal late in the second half, and the 'Dogs were not able to rally.

"It was obviously disappointing not to make it to the final four, where anything could have happened," sophomore forward Sean Birrell said. "A perfect season is something we are never likely to achieve again, and the disappointment of losing in the quarterfinals will provide us with more motivation and determination."

Birrell, Gibson, Coppage and sophomore midfielder Jared Atwood made the NCAA All-Region team. Birrell and Gibson were also named third-team All-Americans, marking the first time in team history that two players have shared the honor.

Gibson had a breakout year as he led the nation in goals against average, had the second-best shutout percentage in NCAA history and tallied the 15th-best consecutive shutout streak by not allowing a goal in 603 minutes.

"The team excelled," Bilbao said. "All the hard work we put in paid off for us."



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# Goal oriented

## Women receive praise for an outstanding season

BY JOHN VUKELICH

STAFF WRITER

The 2003 season was supposed to be award-winning for the Truman State University women's soccer team. The team's award ended up being a final ranking of 18th in the NCAA Division II tournament.

The Bulldogs had a tremendous regular season with an undefeated record in the conference and an overall record of 17-1-1. This record won the team the MIAA conference title for the fifth year in a row. The team entered the Div. II tournament with an eighth-place ranking in the nation but fell short in the first round of competition.

The season's overall success was due to great chemistry and a powerful style on the part of the Bulldogs. Head coach Mike Cannon thought the team's style of keeping and controlling the ball was the key to its success.

Sophomore midfielder Molly Benson thought the team's ability to use the whole field and communicate well was beneficial in creating its strong offense, which was one of the best offenses the University had seen in years.

The team was relatively young, with only seven of 22 players being juniors and seniors.

"It may not show that much in the stats, but our freshmen were all important and all able to contribute," Cannon said.

The team only experienced one loss during the regular season. The 'Dogs fell Sept. 6, 2003, to the University of Nebraska-Omaha, a team that later foiled the 'Dogs' chances to advance to the second round of the Div. II tournament.

A season highlight for the team was the home

conference game against Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.), in which the Bulldogs won 3-0.

"We were really fired up, and they had no chance when we stepped on the field," junior forward Sara Murray said.

The team played the first round Div. II tournament game in November 2003 against Nebraska-Omaha, its only previous loss for the season. The 'Dogs had to put their nearly-flawless season behind them and face this mental obstacle.

"We had to get over the fear of losing to them again," junior midfielder Anna Sonderman said.

Sonderman believed the team could have been victorious, but Nebraska-Omaha had more breaks and momentum on that day. The 'Dogs lost the game 3-1, and Nebraska-Omaha advanced in the tournament and went on to place fourth in the nation.

"It was frustrating because we thought we had a good chance," Cannon said. "It was unfortunate that we had to play each other in the first round."

The University's team received numerous honors at the end of the season. All 11 starters for the 'Dogs received MIAA conference honors, seven received All-Region honors, and Murray received the honor of first-team All-American. Cannon was named the MIAA women's soccer coach of the year.

### —SCOREBOARD—

South Dakota State University (Brookings)	2/0
University of Nebraska-Omaha	0/2
Minnesota State University-Mankato	2/0
Winona State University (Minn.)	3/1
Washburn University (Kan.)	7/0
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	3/0
University of Missouri-Rolla	4/3
University of Minnesota-Duluth	0/0
Emporia State University (Kan.)	4/1
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	1/0
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	5/1
University of Missouri-Rolla	3/0
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	2/0
Emporia State University (Kan.)	3/0
Washburn University (Kan.)	3/0
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar)	3/0
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	2/0
Central Missouri State University	1/0
Northwest Missouri State University	5/1
Missouri Southern State University	3/0
University of Nebraska-Omaha	1/3

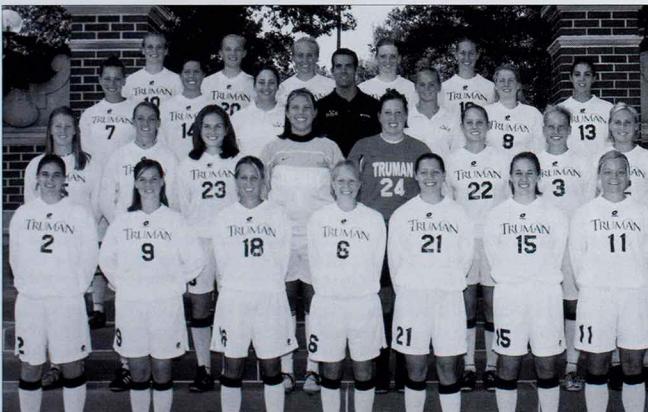
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(NCAA Div. II First Round Tournament)



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ABOVE: Junior forward Stephanie Cepicky and sophomore midfielder Molly Benson guard members of the opposing team while senior back Beth Wieman runs the ball down the field. The team finished in the top 25 of the NCAA Division II for the third season in a row.



FRONT ROW: Ellen Wright, Lisa Manns, Lauren Hawks, Molly Benson, Chayil Wiedeman, Katie Buehler, Angie Schuhler. SECOND ROW: Stephanie Cepicky, Kera Reilly, Maureen Bylina, Lauren Davis, Lauren Knoble, Whitney Fancher, Robyn Mortenson, Melissa Rhomberg. THIRD ROW: Beth Wieman, Addie Arment, Heather Murray, Mike Cannon-head coach, Karla Danekas, Lauren Cepicky, Rachel McCarville. BACK ROW: Anna Sonderman, Sara Murray, Jamie Sharp, Asdis Finnsdottir, Melissa Snodgrass.

**BELOW:** Sophomore wide receiver James Perry falls to the ground after catching the ball while a Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph) player runs toward him. Sophomore offensive guard Craig Knoth tried to block Perry from an unseen Missouri Western player. The Bulldogs fell to Missouri Western during the University's Homecoming game, 6-39.

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# Season tough on 'Dogs

Despite many losses, 'Dogs give all on the field

BY LAUREN WEBB

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It was a tough season for the Truman State University Bulldog football team, which started off its 2003 season with a three-game losing streak.

The Bulldogs claimed their first win of the season at Washburn (Topeka, Kan.) on Sept. 27, 2003, by outscoring Washburn 12-6. Freshman running back Jerard Leverson set a school record when he carried the ball 48 times and picked up 204 yards in the process.

A second victory had to wait. The team fell hard against Emporia State (Kan.), losing the game 55-24.

"There were a lot of injuries on d-line — we lost a couple key linemen," senior running back Marc Heinecke said.

The 'Dogs did not let up despite many obstacles.

"We had a tough year but never got down," senior defensive end Dan Bredenhoetter said. "When we lost, it was everybody. When we were two and seven, nobody pointed fingers."

The team's relentless attitude paid off, however.

"It was a season of ups and downs," senior linebacker Tameem Yehyawi said. "But the last six games of the season we played our best."

Despite the disappointment early in the season, they pulled it together for the final home game Nov. 8. Almost half of the players were in their first season of college football, and going for the win was a high goal. The 'Dogs were behind in the second quarter, 21-0, when Heinecke finally got the team on the board with an 8-yard touchdown run. Three straight scores followed that touchdown in the third quarter. The team pushed ahead to beat the University of Missouri-Rolla 35-28.

The 'Dogs faced Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) for the final game of the season. They finished with another win, 20-14, bringing their season to close on a positive note.

"I think that we got better as the season progressed, with 22 of 44 players being red-shirt freshman," head coach John Ware said. "Every team that beat us was nationally ranked. Youth and inexperience was one thing that made the season tough, with too many guys that hadn't been in the fire."

Several players received honors in the 2003 season. Yehyawi was selected as first team All-American and academic All-American. Leverson was also a stand-out, running for over a 1,000 yards, which set a school record.

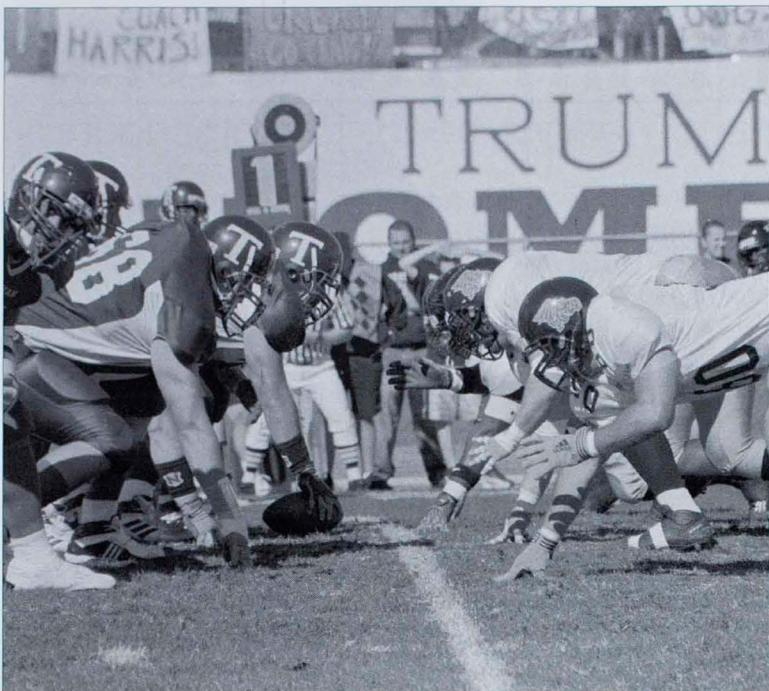


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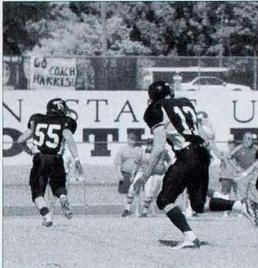
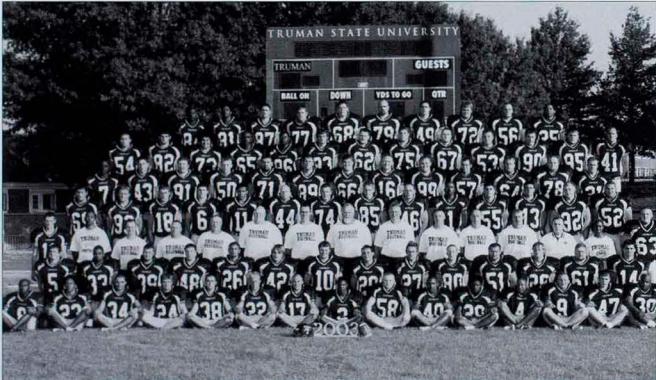


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FRONT ROW: J. Perry, R. Stovall, J. Douglas, A.J. Eads, J. Kilcrease, M. Heinecke, B. Johnson, C. Terry, J. Bever, S. Lowery, D. Williams, J. Duffy, B. Wilson, C. Carney, J. Leverson. SECOND ROW: M. Kamphoefer, D. Reddick, Z. Rotello, A. Neubauer, M. Yokeley, M. Mowen, A. Pitts, D. Kent, J.D. McCloskey, C. Shaw, S. Lyons, V. Schuring, R. Drawing, L. Giglio. THIRD ROW: J. DuPage, B. Gordon, E. Kruppe, J. Jacques, R. Foster, M. Harris, M. Copeland, J. Ware-head coach, S. Bailey, A. Smoot, M. Nelson, J. Lienhard, T. Garret, M. Gray. FOURTH ROW: E. Minturn, K. Painter, A. Hills, G. Norland, S. Holman, D. Hobbs, J. Terrian, M. Herbst, J. Lucas, W. Washington, T. Yehyawi, M. Marble, T. Norris, L. Harrison. FIFTH ROW: J. Thabateau, S. Morris, D. Bredenhoetter, J. Poulos, G. Klipsch, Cole Voigt, C. Martinek, J. Czeschin, T. Guisinger, D. Scalise, J. Van Maaren, C. Knoth, B. Bundy. SIXTH ROW: D. Ramaker, J. Hassler, R. Reeves, N. West, A. Lowe, R. Bonner, M. Shelden, P. Murray, M. Devine, M. Szpira, K. Brigan, J. Smith, A. Speropoulos. BACK ROW: J. Walton, R. Mayson, R. Alisiani, N. McKnight, R. Wood, B. Nelson, A.J. Weber, E. Stewart, M. Standage and J. Mayson.

ABOVE: Junior offensive tackle Rusty Wood takes position in the Homecoming game against Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph). Twenty 'Dogs made the 2003 MIAA Commission's Academic Honor Roll.

ABOVE LEFT: Senior linebacker Tameem Yehyawi and senior defensive back Matt Marble cover the field during Homecoming. Yehyawi was one of five Division II athletes to receive an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

## -SCOREBOARD-

Winona State University (Winona, Minn.)	13/49
Illinois State University (Normal, Ill.)	6/49
Pittsburg State University (Pittsburg, Kan.)	8/48
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	12/6
Emporia State University (Kan.)	24/55
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	15/3
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	6/39
Central Missouri State University	
(Warrensburg)	22/28
Northwest Missouri State University	
(Maryville)	0/37
University of Missouri-Rolla	35/28
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	20/14

# Out with the old

## Head football coach resigns, heads to rival school

BY JILL KASPARIE

STAFF WRITER

Former Truman State University head football coach John Ware pulled a vanishing act on the football team when he quickly resigned from his position during winter break 2003-2004. His resignation was a sudden decision that neither his team nor the faculty or staff knew about in advance. In fact, most of his players discovered the news on the Internet.

Ware decided he had been at the University long enough in the winter of 2003 after 19 years. He knew it was time for a change, as did his players, on whom he had a great influence.

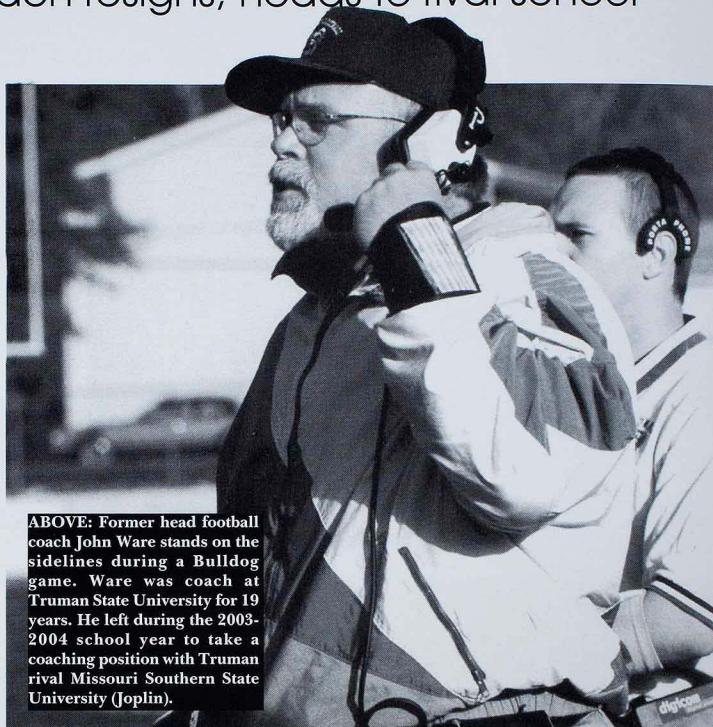
"I came from San Diego, and he was the one that got me to come here to Kirksville," freshman Ben Wilson said. "I am sorry to see Coach Ware go, but it was time for him to move on."

Ware's resignation happened when he heard about a position that had opened at Missouri Southern State University (Joplin). He had considered taking the job but never thought too deeply on the idea. One day he and his wife decided to fill out the application because the job was in a place they had always thought about moving and retiring to one day. He did not think the job would be offered to him, but Ware did think he could make a difference with the football program at Mo. Southern.

"We've been in the conference with them and they underperformed," Ware said. "They had a lot of potential, and I thought I can help turn it around."

It all happened quickly. He filled out the application, sent it in and shortly after received a phone call from Mo. Southern asking him to come for an interview the next day.

The football program offered him a full-time job as head coach that same day. He accepted the offer the day after the interview.



ABOVE: Former head football coach John Ware stands on the sidelines during a Bulldog game. Ware was coach at Truman State University for 19 years. He left during the 2003-2004 school year to take a coaching position with Truman rival Missouri Southern State University (Joplin).

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Ware's departure affected the football program.

"Of the five full-time staff members, one original one will be left," linebacker assistant coach Erik Kruppe said.

Kruppe was one of the coaches who was replaced by a new assistant coach when Ware left. He was a health and exercise science instructor and was allowed to finish out the school year before leaving to find a new job.

"It took everyone on staff a little by surprise — it was not anything we were expecting to happen," Kruppe said. "He was well liked by people here at Truman."

Players were excited to hear that they would one day play against their

old coach and hopefully win.

"It will be the most anticipated game of the year," Wilson said. "Afterward, I will shake his hand and tell him it was nice to play for him."

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-freshman Ben Wilson

# In with the new

## School hires Currier as new head football coach

BY JEFF HUTCHINSON

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When head football coach John Ware left Truman State University in late 2003, the team was left with a sense of shock.

Soon that shock changed into excitement when the University hired Shannon Currier as the new head coach of the Bulldogs only a few weeks after Ware's departure.

The University hired Currier after going through a brief but comprehensive search. A search committee comprised of faculty members, assistant coaches, graduating players and athletic director Jerry Wollmering hired Ware's replacement.

"It is a pretty thorough process that we go through, and there is a lot of feedback from a lot of different people," Wollmering said.

The committee looked at 70 applicants and narrowed the field down to a certain few they wanted to visit the campus. The applicants who made the cut met with many people, including the team, President Barbara Dixon, members of the coaching staff and faculty members. Currier's name rose to the top of the list soon after these visits.

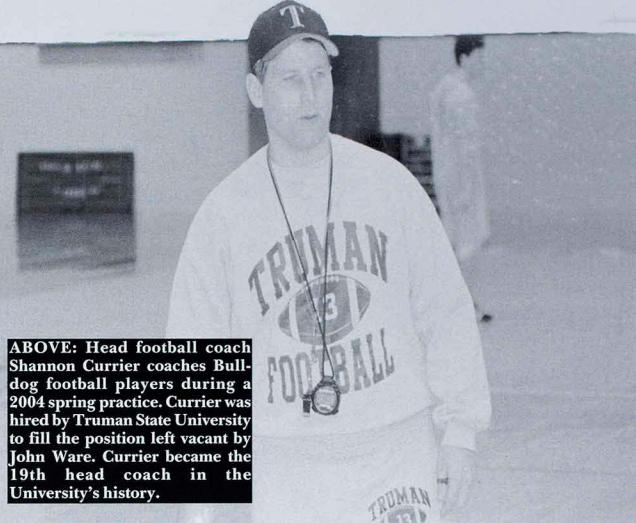
Wollmering said what made Currier stand out in comparison with the other applicants was the fact that he had previously been a successful head coach. Currier impressed the players as well.

"You could tell he's a motivator and a hard worker, and that is exactly what we were looking for," senior linebacker Tameeme Yehyawi said.

Currier had previously worked as head football coach and offensive coordinator at Concordia University (St. Paul, Minn.), an NCAA Division II school, prior to being hired. Currier had a 34-12 record in the four seasons he served as head coach at Concordia, leading the team to a conference championship in 2003.

New possibilities for success at the University excited Currier, which played an important role in his decision to come.

"I think that Truman State has the potential to be a national contender," Currier said. "We have a lot more resources here than at the previous institution that I



ABOVE: Head football coach Shannon Currier coaches Bulldog football players during a 2004 spring practice. Currier was hired by Truman State University to fill the position left vacant by John Ware. Currier became the 19th head coach in the University's history.

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worked at."

Currier said he thought a larger budget, more scholarships, a strong conference and a great academic record made the University an easy sell for him. He wasted no time in recruiting new players.

"Considering the circumstances, I think that [recruitment] went real well," Currier said.

On national letter-of-intent signing day, the Bulldogs signed 15 players and recruited five more shortly after. Currier said he planned on recruiting players until the start of fall camp.

Currier was able to bring in four coaches from Concordia in addition to new players, while also keeping some assistants, including assistant coach Jeff Jacques.

"I think that it is a great combination because the coaches that remained are really quality guys," Yehyawi said. "It helps the transition go that much more smoothly."

Currier implemented not only a new staff, but also a new way of looking at Bulldog football.

"We want to get better every day," Currier said. "We want to be the hardest working team in the conference and the most prepared team in the conference. At some point I would like to win some championships."

The players were just as optimistic as Currier about the program's future.

"I think Coach Currier is excited and wants to take it as far as he can, just like all the guys do," Yehyawi said.

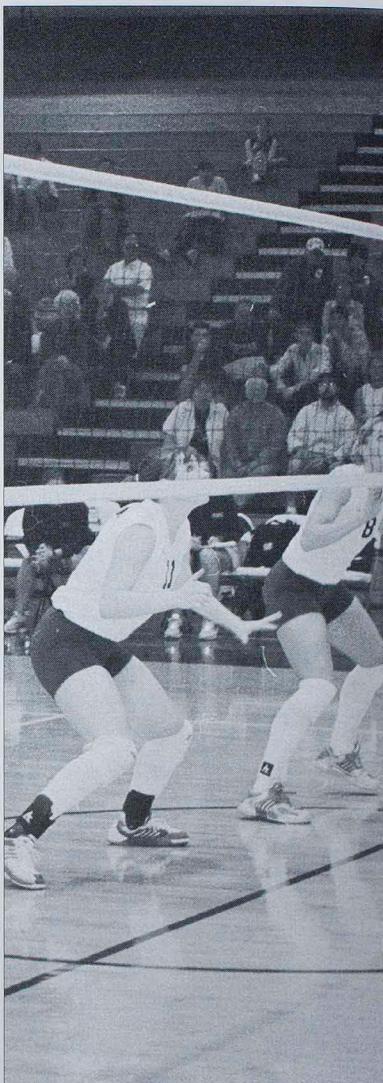
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Arkansas Tech University (Russellville)  
Ashland University (Ohio)  
Western State College of Colorado (Gunnison)  
University of Montevallo (Ala.)  
Columbia College (Mo.)  
Mesa State College (Grand Junction, Colo.)  
West Texas A&M University (Canyon)  
Metropolitan State College of Denver  
University of Northern Colorado (Greeley)  
University of Alabama-Huntsville  
Harding University (Ark.)  
Henderson State University (Ark.)  
Central Missouri State University (Joplin)  
Emporia State University (Kan.)  
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)  
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)  
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)  
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)  
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)  
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)  
Quincy University (Ill.)  
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)  
Christian Brothers University (South Memphis, Tenn.)  
University of Northern Colorado (Greeley)  
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)  
Emporia State University (Kan.)  
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)  
Missouri Western State College  
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)  
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)  
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)  
Pittsburg State University  
Culver-Stockton College (Mo.)  
Emporia State University  
Pittsburg State University  
University of North Alabama (Florence)

**BELOW:** Junior Annie Nickolai looks on as sophomore Megan Remley connects with the ball to send it over the net. Remley tallied 172 kills during the 2003 season. The team averaged 17 kills per game, and its opponents averaged about 13, a contributing factor to the team's 31-5 record.



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ABOVE: Senior Rachel Shedd shows determination as she flies high to make a set to a hitter. Shedd and junior Jessica Sears made the All-MIAA First Team.

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FRONT ROW: R. Knefelkamp, A. Baker, C. Wagener, A. Patey, S. Harman, R. Shedd, S. Shearman. SECOND ROW: K. Vogel, L. Dickbernd, J. Sears, K. Wackerman, M. Jones, T. Graham, K. Grimes, A. Nickolai. BACK ROW: J. Wohldmann, A. Kreimer, C. Lundy-assistant coach, Q. Wang-head coach, B. Pike-volunteer assistant coach, M. Remley, M. Walter.



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**"The success of the team is a testament to the players and the coaches."**

-senior Rachel Shedd

# Top 'Dogs

## Team nets outstanding season

BY LORETTA PALMER

STAFF WRITER

Long before other Truman State University students returned in August, the women's volleyball team began to practice. The team put everything it could into the practices preceding the first game, although it didn't know what the season would contain.

"[Preseason] is a time to show off and be so competitive that you're trying to earn your spot, but at the same time get to know each other as players," said junior Rebecca Knefelkamp, right-side defensive specialist.

The Bulldogs began the season with seven convincing wins. They then lost to Metropolitan State College of Denver (Colo.) and Northern Colorado (Denver) but bounced back with 12 consecutive wins before falling to Pittsburg State University (Kan.) on Oct. 10, 2003. With more wins under its belt, the team faced Pittsburg State again three weeks later. Many Bulldogs agreed this was a key match. The team lost the first two games but came back to win the last three.

"[Coming back] showed an amazing amount of heart, and dedication and courage," said senior team captain Rachael Shedd. "It was just one of those games that afterward everyone just sat there and was so overwhelmed with emotion and just so happy with what we did."

The victory gave the 'Dogs a lot of momentum. The team was 29-4 going into the MIAA tournament. The team then won over Pittsburg State for the MIAA Championship title. The season ended six days later, though, when the 'Dogs fell to North Alabama (Florence), 3-0 in the NCAA Regional Semi-final.

"We thought that this would be our year to take the whole thing," Shedd said.

The season ended as MIAA champions and a 31-5 record.

"I always tried to remind them to be the best team that they possibly could be and try to do something that other people cannot do," head coach Qi Wang said.

Carrie Lundy, assistant coach enjoyed the season.

"It was an exciting year for me because it was my first year here and because I knew that it was going to be great to work with Qi and athletes of this caliber," Lundy said.

Team members received many honors. Junior outside hitter Jessica Sears and Shedd made All-MIAA first team. Sophomore middle hitter Tiffany Graham made All-MIAA second team, while freshman outside hitter Sarah Shearman, senior libero Ashley Patey and sophomore middle hitter Megan Remley received honorable mention All-MIAA.

Sears was also named to the South Central Regional First Team and Shedd to Second Team. Shearman became the first University volleyball player to be named the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Freshman of the Year.

In addition to the player's achievements, Wang received the Wilson (MIAA) Coach of the Year Award. Wang's career record with the 'Dogs was 96-15 at the end of the 2003-2004 season.



FRONT ROW: Dani Rawlings, Abbie Smith, Sarah Armstrong, Leah Zidon, Amy Graham.  
BACK ROW: Pam Bird, Meg Robertson, Jauquine Faust, Alana Walker, Lauren White, Francine Schafer.

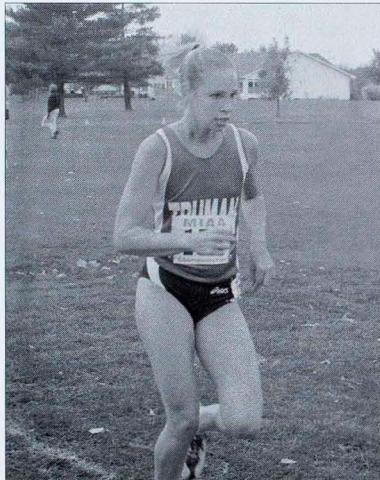


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ABOVE: Freshman Meg Robertson competes in the MIAA Championships at the University in October 2003. The team had two top-10 finishers in the MIAA Championship race.

## —SCOREBOARD—

Augustana Open (Davenport, Iowa)  
Southern Stampede (Joplin, Mo.)  
Miner Invitational (Rolla, Mo.)  
Border States Invitational (Edwardsville, Ill.)  
MIAA Championships (Kirksville, Mo.)  
NCAA South Central Regional  
Championships (Commerce, Texas)

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# Leading the pack

## Cross country team lives up to pre-season poll

By SARAH RENSHAW

STAFF WRITER

The preseason coaches' poll gave the Truman State University women's cross country team 30 points, saying it was favored to have a fourth-place finish in the MIAA for the fall 2003 season. A rigorous practice schedule was set into motion in an attempt to live up to the prediction.

The team began its day every Monday through

Thursday with weightlifting and cross training at 5:45 a.m. A second practice ended the day with a running workout at 3:30 p.m.

"Monday and Wednesday we lifted and biked, and Tuesday/Thursday we did pull-ups and medicine ball exercises and then biked," sophomore Abbie Smith said. "Our biking was equivalent to about 20 miles a week. In the afternoons, we did several tempo runs or track workouts to enhance our speed."

The practice schedule proved challenging, particularly when the team had meets.

"We would get one day off a week, depending on if we had a meet or not," sophomore Sarah Armstrong said.

Most members said the practices were not too grueling and were necessary to get the team in shape to run the six races of the season.

The Bulldogs earned a ranking of 17th in the nation for Division II after their second-place victory at the Southern Stampede (Joplin, Mo). The women finished fifth overall in the race.

"The teams that beat us were either Division I or really ranked highly in Division II," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said she thought Southern Stampede was the season's greatest race. Head coach John Cochrane said he agreed.

"Finishing third at the MIAA Championships was the highlight of the season," Cochrane said.

The championship race was Oct. 25 at the Kirksville Country Club. The women finished over the hilly terrain with an average time of 23:48.16 and scored 78 points. Two of the women finished in the top 10, earning them All-MIAA honors. Freshman Meagan Robertson finished in eighth place with a time of 23:19.85, and junior Dani Rawlings finished in ninth place with a time of 23:24.60. Rawlings was named MIAA athlete of the week after the Augustana Open, where she finished first with a time of 24:38 in the four-mile race.

The season's final race was the South Central Region Championship in Commerce, Texas, on Nov. 8. Rawlings led the team to a fourth-place finish, taking ninth in the 6,000-meter race at a time of 22:22. The preseason poll predicted the team's finish. The Bulldogs would have been invited to run in the NCAA Championship meet Nov. 22 in Raleigh, N.C., if they had finished in the top-two spots. The team was disappointed when it realized that Pittsburg State University (Kan.) and Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) would go instead.

"We had the talent to go [to nationals], but we just did not all have the best day," Armstrong said.

ABOVE: Junior Dani Rawlings and freshman Alana Walker run with the pack in the MIAA Championships. Walker placed 31st and Rawlings placed 9th at the meet. The Bulldogs went on to place third out of eight teams at the championships.

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# Running strong

## Men stride to nationals

BY MATT PEEPLES

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the fourth year in a row, the men's cross country team proved it had the resilience to make its way to the NCAA Division II National Championships in Raleigh, N.C.

The Bulldogs placed second out of 16 teams at the South Central Regional Championship meet in Commerce, Texas, which qualified them to race at the national meet.

"As a team, we always shoot for the conference meet, trying to do well at the conference meet, and then the next goal is to try to get to the national meet," said Ed Schneider, head men's cross country coach.

The team trained hard throughout its schedule, keeping focused on its goal. Although it did not put a strong emphasis on regular-season meets, the Bulldogs recorded an impressive first-place finish Sept. 20, 2003, at the Nebraska Invitational in Lincoln.

This meet was an 8-kilometer run and boasted some impressive finishes for the men's team. Senior Alan Heincker brought home a first-place finish with a time of 25:04 out of 300 runners. Junior Andy Person followed with a 14th finish, and sophomore Eli Klimek placed 23rd in the meet.

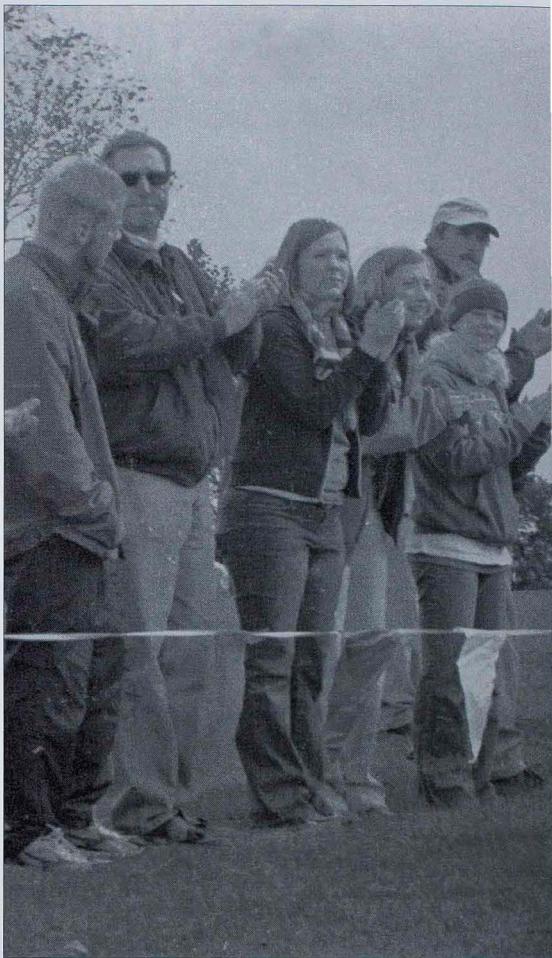
The team had a strong showing at the Nebraska Invitational, but the men saved their best performances for later in the season.

"Our best performances overall were at the conference meet, regionals and nationals," Schneider said.

The men boasted a second-place finish in a hard-fought MIAA Championship meet Oct. 25. Eight teams competed, but the real match-up was between the 'Dogs and Missouri Southern State University (Joplin). The 'Dogs placed second in the end, but this just served as fuel to their fire.

The team went to the South Central Regional Championship two weeks later and destroyed Missouri Southern. The 'Dogs placed second out of 16 teams, and Heincker placed third in the overall meet standings. Winning second at sectionals was exciting for the team.

"That was really cool," Klimek said. "We had a really great performance by our top-five seed, which is really important in cross country."



Heincker was the men's top finisher throughout the season, placing second at the conference meet and defeating the conference champion with a third-place finish at the regional meet. Heincker was poised to be the team's top finisher at the national meet.

Each team could bring seven runners in the Division II National Championships, and the 'Dogs brought a full squad to the competition. The team posted a 17th finish out of 24 teams in its fourth appearance in four years. Heincker was the University's No. 1 runner, placing 34th overall and receiving All-American honors for the second year in a row. Also placing at the meet were Person, with a 61st finish and junior Ryan French, with a 74th finish. About 200 runners competed in the meet.

"We had a really strong season right up through the very end," freshman Kyle Torres said.



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## -SCOREBOARD-

Iowa State Open (Ames)	*NTR
Woody Greeno/Nebraska Invitational (Lincoln)	1st
Notre Dame Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)	19th
Border States Invitational (Edwardsville, Ill.)	13th
MIAA Championships (Kirksville, Mo.)	2nd
NCAA South Central Regional Championships (Commerce, Texas)	2nd
NCAA Division II Championship (Raleigh, N.C.)	17th

\*NTR= No Team Results



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ABOVE: Freshman Jason Simpson holds off the runner on his tail during the MIAA Championship meet. The Bulldogs ran about 70 miles each week in preparation for competition.

LEFT: Senior Alan Heincker runs ahead of the pack at the MIAA Championships. Heincker was the University's lead runner at the meet, earning a second-place finish for the Bulldogs.



FRONT ROW: Kyle Torres, Trey Robinson, Eric Wittrock, Jason Simpson, Chris Elledge, Eli Klimek. SECOND ROW: Shane Praiswater, Kurtis Werner, Chase Bohling, Dan Wilhite, Andy Person, Jon Rosario, Brad Peter. BACK ROW: Peter Schaefer, Steve Porath, Erik McFarlane, Ed Schneider-head coach, Brian McQuerry-student assistant coach, Aaron Wells, Kevin Crean, Alan Heincker.



ABOVE: Junior Thomas Tatkowski attempts to block a University of Iowa (Iowa City) player at a home game March 27, 2004. Both the A and B teams defeated Iowa.

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# Rugby hits hard

## Teams refute rumors of sport's perils despite injuries

BY MATT PEEPLES

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The men of the Bulls rugby team and the women of the Bullets rugby team made some changes to its previous year's schedules and worked hard in 2003-2004 to have successful fall and spring seasons.

For the Bullets, playing in a new tournament was a positive change to their season. The team took second place when it went to Nebraska for a tournament at Wayne State.

"We played really well," senior Carissa Greife said. "We all came together and played as a team. It was a great experience for our team."

The Bulls decided to add some new opponents to their schedule for 2003-2004.

"This year is the first time since I started playing for Truman that we played John Brown University [Siloam,

Ark.] and University of Wyoming [Laramie]," junior Kurt Albin said. "It's also the first time in a couple of years that we played at the University of Illinois-Champaign tournament."

Even with the additional matches, injuries always had a negative effect on sports team's seasons, and rugby was no exception.

"If you're out for a really long time, it's hard on the team because most people have a set position so someone has to compensate, and they may not be used to the position," junior Cyndi Speidel said. "It puts the team at a disadvantage because they're trying to cover these gaps."

Only a few Bullets suffered from any serious injuries — a torn ACL and a broken collarbone. Also, Speidel broke her hand in the first game of the spring season, but as far as injuries went, she did not think rugby was more dangerous than other sports.



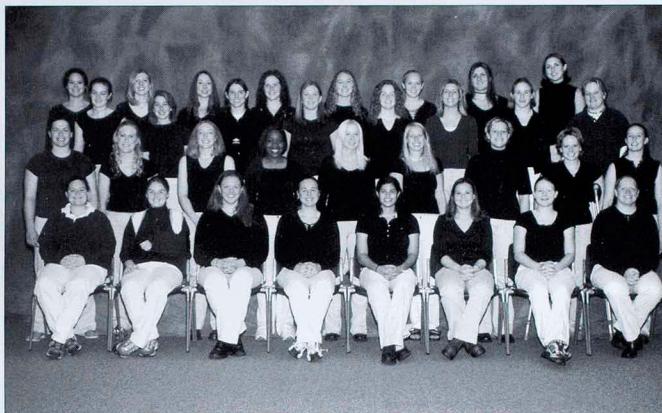
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**FAR LEFT:** Senior Teddy Kurth demonstrates hitting first before going to the ground in a practice ruck held by sophomores Sarah Marquart and Helen Russell. Practice paid off for the Bullets, as they took a second-place finish at the Wayne State Tournament (Neb.)

**LEFT:** Bulls Rugby Team players perform a lineup in a match against University of Iowa (Iowa City). The A team's spring record was 9-3-1, while the B team's was 2-1.



**FRONT ROW:** Theodora Kurth, Jennifer Reesor, Stephanie Creed, Lindsay Scheitlin, Halleh Ghodrati, Michaela Levy, Stephanie Dettmer, Cariss Greife. **SECOND ROW:** Helen Russell, Jennifer Welch, Kimberly Smith, Laney McPhee, Christina Carter, Em Stranger, Sarah Teague, Melanie Dunn, Cynthia Speidel. **THIRD ROW:** Nichole Sevic, Kristin Haskins, Natalie Gerhard, Krista Kasterl, Juli Lommel, Michelle Hagen, Kristin Bennett, Colleen Wideman. **BACK ROW:** Sarah Marquart, Lauren Nelson, Emily Cunningham, Stephanie Provance, Elizabeth Gentry, Rachel Mintle, Nicole Brown, Christine Mack.

"You take that risk with any sport you play," Speidel said. "Everyone has fun playing, and you get aggression out. It's a good stress reliever to do that."

The Bulls were fortunate not to have been affected by injuries either. Strained ligaments at the collarbone, concussions, and rolled ankles were the main injuries sustained.

Some individuals may have wondered why people wanted to play this sport, but the players had no doubts.

"It's got all the good parts of soccer and football combined," freshman Tony Giubardo said. "It's got the continuity of soccer and the contact of football. It's the kind of sport where there is a position for everyone."

Both the Bulls and Bullets played outstanding matches. For both teams, the matches that stood out were the ones played as a team. The four games played at the tournament at Wayne State were outstanding to the Bullets. The winning games posted scores of 15-0, 17-5 and 24-0. The final score of the fourth game was unknown due to playing during a hailstorm. For the

Bulls, their game against the University of Iowa (Iowa City) was a standout, with wins of 48-5 for the A-side and 22-5 for the B-side.

"The match that turned the season around was against Iowa," Albin said. "We clicked as a team and came off with a good solid win."

Each of these teams worked together to make a great year happen despite some injuries and changes that could have held them back. They continued to charge right through until the end.

**"Everyone has fun playing, and you get aggression out."**

-junior Cyndi Speidel

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# Men to the net

## Volleyball Club a success despite budget woes

BY SARAH RENSHAW

STAFF WRITER

**B**umping and spiking were not enough to get the Men's Volleyball Club into tournament play. The club was not an official Truman State University athletic team and had to rely upon itself for funding to participate in tournaments.

Finances for the club were very tight. The Funds Allotment Council gave it \$1,300 for the 2003-2004 season, but according to FAC's guidelines, the money was only allowed to be used for equipment expenses and tournament fees.

To help cover additional costs, members had to pay a club fee of \$100, in addition to participating in club fund-raisers.

"First semester, we had a fund-raiser at the Golden Spike," said junior Casey Hollensteiner, treasurer and middle hitter. "We made a pizza buffet. It was \$5 a ticket, and we got half the tickets we sold."

The club also sponsored an annual tournament where other club teams came from all over the Midwest. The tournament was supposed to take place March 20, but too many teams withdrew from competition in 2004 due to injuries. The club, therefore, had to cancel the tournament.

"I get to try to know as many of the other teams as I can ... we just e-mail and try to get as many people as we can," Bennett said. "It's tough to get teams up here because it's kind of out in the middle of nowhere, so we always reduce our entrance fees and try to make it cheap because they have to get hotels a lot of the time."

The Student Recreation Center donated two courts to the volleyball club for tournament use, allowing all of the profits from the tournament to go directly to the club.

"The Rec Center director sets up all the equipment ... and we pretty much clean-up afterwards, help them a little bit, but other than that, we don't have to do hardly anything really," Hollensteiner said.

The largest tournament the men's volleyball club participated in was a four-day national tournament in April in Charlotte, N.C.

"They have over 300 teams there from Divisions I, II and III, and we go and do several rounds of pool

play to determine the seeding," Bennett said. "Then you get national elimination tournament."

The best game of the 2003-2004 season for Bennett was the game the team played against St. Louis University.

"We almost beat SLU — it was a pretty big match," Bennett said. "We have never beaten SLU before. We beat them the first game, then lost the second game, went into the third game and lost 15-13. And you know that they get a lot of Saint Louis recruits, and they are Division I."

Being a club gave the men some disadvantages. If it became a University sport, it would receive more benefits. Many members decided the benefits would not be worth it, however.

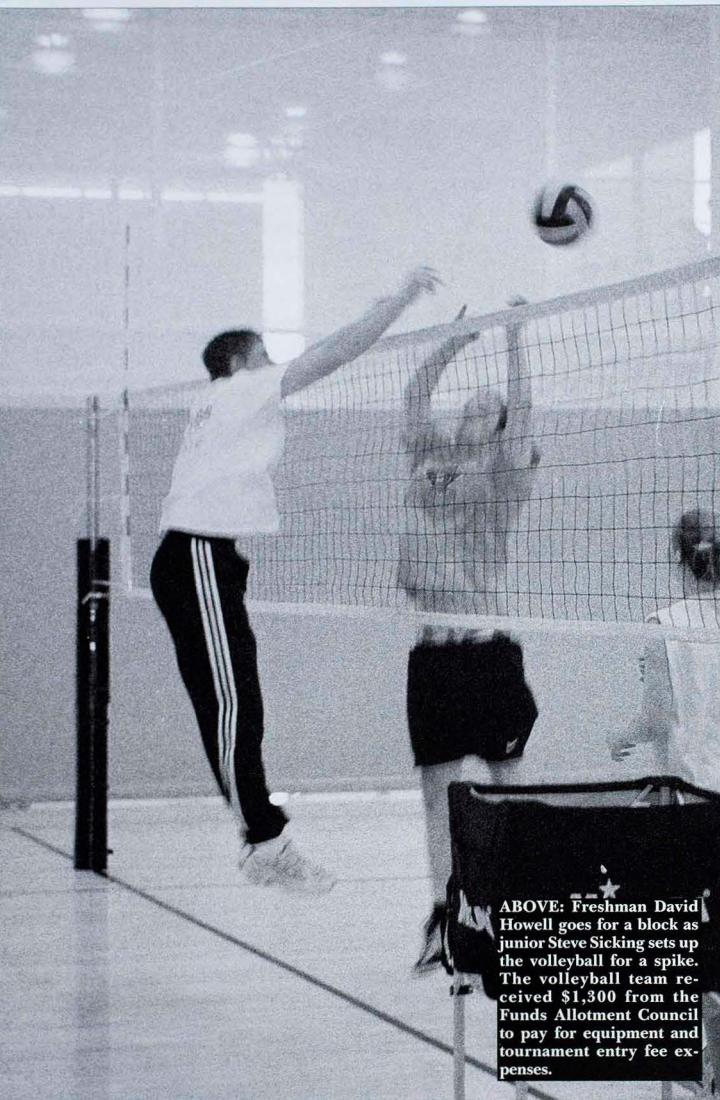
"That would be a lot of hassle, and it is almost impossible because it would require a lot of funding from the school," Hollensteiner said. "We just do not have the talent right now. In about 10 years, if the program keeps developing, we could be a University sport."

Many members enjoyed the more casual aspects of being in the club rather than those of being involved in a University-sanctioned sport.

"You lose the relaxed atmosphere about it when it becomes a varsity sport, as opposed to a club," freshman outside hitter David Howell said. "We only practice three times a week, and when we travel, it's more like we are hanging out, which is nicer. The competition among teammates is a lot lower, and it is more directed towards competing against the other teams."



FRONT ROW: Stephen Sicking, Brandon Bennett, David Howell. BACK ROW: Lucas Blevins, Paul Slater, Luis Meggo.



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ABOVE: Freshman David Howell goes for a block as junior Steve Sicking sets up the volleyball for a spike. The volleyball team received \$1,300 from the Funds Allotment Council to pay for equipment and tournament entry fee expenses.

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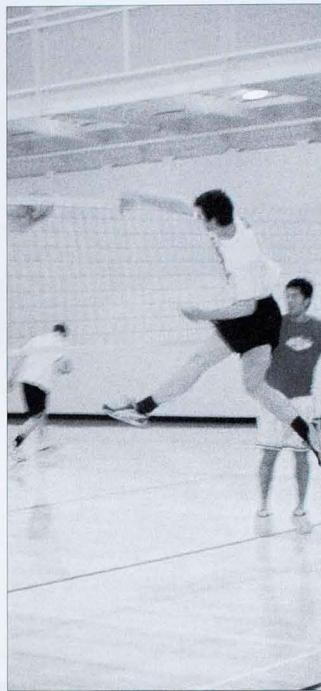
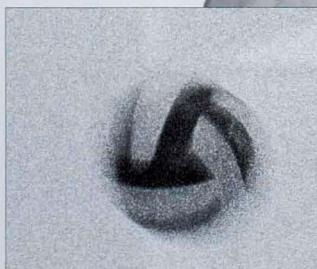
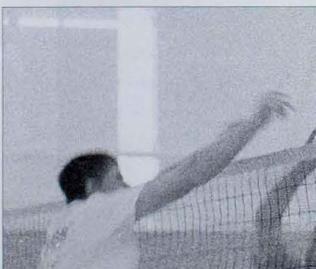


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ABOVE: Junior Casey Hollensteiner hits the ball over the net while sophomore Carl Navales stands ready during a Men's Volleyball Club practice at the Student Recreation Center.

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ABOVE: Cheerleaders perform a cheer during a time-out at a men's basketball game in Pershing Arena. Alisha Bollinger, wife of Ryle Hall director Kevin Bollinger, coached and advised the squad.

RIGHT: Freshmen Samantha Pallette and freshman Katie Green perform a cheer at a Bulldog basketball game. Members had to prove that student interest existed before the squad could be reinstated.

**"Truman lost a lot of school spirit when they didn't have a squad for a year. I think that the cheerleaders can help portray that."**

-junior Brooke Sorrell



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# Spirit rises again

## Cheerleading is reinstated after its one-year hiatus

BY PSHYRAH MADGE

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A familiar sound returned to Truman State University's athletics in 2004. The University cheerleading squad formed again after being disbanded in 2003.

Cheering-on athletic teams, helping build school spirit and trying to build crowd morale were some of the tasks the squad took on for the 2004 season.

"We were told that that it was liability reasons because the last squad did not have a coach," junior Brooke Sorrell, squad co-captain said.

A few students decided to try to get the squad reinstated after talking to the University's athletic department. Junior Kimesha Hammond played an active role in bringing the squad back.

"The hardest thing about getting the squad reinstated was trying to meet with the athletic director," Hammond said. "But I stayed on him because I felt like we needed another squad because there just was not a lot of support at the football games that I went to last year."

The first task in being reinstated was to prove students were interested in being on the squad. Hammond did this by collecting names at the fall Activities Fair. A non-student had to volunteer to coach and advise the women once the list formed. Alisha Bollinger, wife of Ryle Hall director Kevin Bollinger, volunteered for this task.

"After talking to some of the girls, I thought this would be really fun, as well as there was a need for it on this campus," Bollinger said.

Tryouts and the selection of the squad then took place. The squad began practicing three weeks before the first basketball game. The girls and Bollinger had to pull together to be ready with such a short amount of time before the first game. The squad combined some of the

old cheers, cheers that the women brought with them and the cheers and experience that Bollinger brought with her to prepare for the first game and the rest of the season.

"We take what everyone knows and make it work for us here," Bollinger said.

The hard work did not stop after those three weeks. The squad continued to meet for three hours of practice each week, in addition to cheering at the basketball games.

"My Saturdays were completely devoted to basketball when we'd have games on Saturday," Sorrell said.

The cheerleaders did more than just cheer, however. They also danced at many of the women's basketball games, as well as a few of the men's games. The cheerleading squad hoped to instill school spirit into University students by cheering for the athletic teams and performing an occasional half-time dance.

"Truman lost a lot of school spirit when they didn't have a squad for a year," Sorrell said. "I think that the cheerleaders can help portray that."

The cheerleading squad used 2004 as a year to learn and to build a foundation for future years. The squad planned to expand the program in 2005 and cheer at football games and basketball games.

"I wish that there was more diversity," Hammond said.

The squad said they were a little hurried in their preparations due to the short amount of time between the first practice and the first game.

"We look forward to having the rest of this year and the first part of next year to be more solidly established before the [football] season starts," Bollinger said.

The cheerleading squad had a lot of hard work to do in 2004 as they clapped and chanted University crowds back to life.



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# Making the catch

## Ultimate team becomes recognized across state

BY EMILY RANDALL

STAFF WRITER

Ultimate Frisbee, one of the more competitive and physically trying sports at Truman State University, was not part of the athletic department. Not just a leisurely toss of the disk in the backyard at a family Fourth of July barbecue, the competitive team sport required strategy and longevity.

The Ultimate team played well during the 2003-2004 year, perhaps the best in recent memory.

"Our goal for this year was to get to the finals of a tournament," sophomore Chris Gore said. "We surpassed our goal, actually winning one, and it looks like we will get to Regionals."

The team traveled in and out of state to tournaments, playing such schools as the University of Missouri-Columbia. It played in six tournaments in the spring, including a week-long one in Georgia and one it hosted as a fund-raiser in Springfield, Ill.

"We are one of the better teams in the area," senior Abby Doriane said. "We played in the toughest tournament in the Midwest in Lawrence [Kan.], and at the Huck Finn Tournament in St. Louis, both the men and the women went 7-0, winning their divisions."

The Ultimate team also defeated the Washington University (St. Louis) team, a team that had long been considered the best in Missouri.

Though both teams were co-ed, fewer women showed interest in the sport. The teams played together at times, but at tournaments, the men played together and the women joined up with another team.

"I've been playing this game for three years with guys, and now I am at a different level when I play with other women at tournaments," Doriane said.

Some team members attributed the great success of the season to being more organized. The members devised four unique offenses to run, became more competitive on the field, and traveled outside of Missouri more, all in an attempt to build the team.

"I've enjoyed watching younger talent develop and become mature players this season," senior Brady Nelson said. "For me, that's what building a team means."

Members were not all seriousness and competition, however. Ultimate was a laid-back organization. The game was as challenging as players chose to make it. As an open club, anyone could join. The experienced team



members were friendly to beginners, teaching anyone how to play.

When it came time for a tournament, players signed up if they wanted to go, and the team placed no restrictions on who could go.

"You choose your own level of commitment," Gore said. "You don't get ragged on for not showing up."

Players had to have a good attitude on the field. Officials were never involved. Called the "Spirit of the Game," players were responsible for making calls themselves.

Players agreed that no other sport was quite like Ultimate.

"I love this game," Nelson said. "You can play hard and still have a good spirit and camaraderie between the teams. That's not common in most other sports."



ABOVE: Sophomore Chris Davis catches the frisbee while sophomore Jason Showmaker waits to assist and Mike Pippenger watches from the backfield. The club competed in seven matches during the season.

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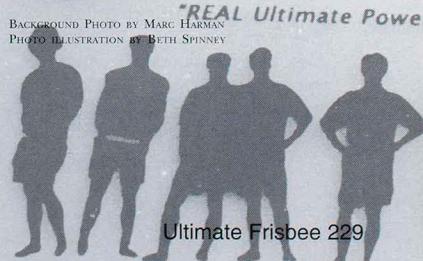
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ABOVE: Sophomore Bret Gramlich jumps into the air to make a catch. The team traveled to Savannah, Ga., during spring break to compete in a tournament.



LEFT: FRONT ROW: L.J. Johnson, Steve Meyer, Abby Doriani, Nick Turco, Morgan Moody, Marc Harman. SECOND ROW: Matt Grothoff, Blake Larson, Jay Lynam, Damon Webb, Jason Showmaker, Jeff Cohee, David Hatfield. THIRD ROW: Christina Wirkus, Elyse Ruckenbord, Lauren Allen, Ashlee Brittain, Michael Pippenger, Jay Quigley. BACK ROW: Martin Schmidt, Chris Davis, Bret Gramlich, John Weeks.

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# Storm the league

## Lacrosse teams have good seasons in league play

BY JESSICA LOWE

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It was a sport that wasn't widely known across Truman State University's campus, but that didn't stop the students who loved the game. Both the women and men's lacrosse teams had good showing during regular season play against some fierce competition.

The women's lacrosse team won all of its division games, finishing 12 and 2, junior first home Myra Hansen said.

"We beat Mizzou [University of Missouri-Columbia] and they are kind of our big rival," Hansen said. "We are kind of making a name for ourselves in our league by playing a lot of big teams like the University of Michigan and Mizzou."

Despite some hassles with funding and a loss of older teammates, the women's team came out on top, winning its first regional game in its history.

The women's victory came against Bethel College (St. Paul, Minn.), upsetting the team 9 to 7. The victory sent the team into the second round of the Women's College Lacrosse League Playoffs on April 24, 2004, in Toledo, Ohio.

"We had our best record ever," junior attack Maribeth Boyle said. "We won our first regional game ever, and it was really exciting. We were pretty proud to be a young team and to be the team that went farther than Truman lacrosse has

ever gone before."

Boyle said the team couldn't have made it to the playoffs without the support of the University's students and faculty.

"We didn't receive a lot of funding ... so we fund-raised all week before regionals, and the campus helped out so much," Boyle said. "I just want the campus to know how much we appreciate their help. We couldn't, and we wouldn't do it without them."

The women's team was not the only lacrosse team on campus. The men's lacrosse team made a showing in league play, winning 4 of 5. One of the biggest games for the men's

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-junior attack Maribeth Boyle

lacrosse team was against Nebraska University.

"We lost to Nebraska earlier in the season," senior attack Mike Riney said. "We went to Columbia, and there we just killed them. It was our last game, so we went out on a good note."

Riney said he became involved with the sport in high school because of the excitement of the game.

"It's a real quick pace, and it's a combination of a lot of sports," Riney said.

Freshman attack Andrew Pickering agreed and said he too had been playing since high school and decided to continue the sport during

college.

"It just looked like a lot of fun," Pickering said. "It's physical like football, like hockey with movement and basketball with the plays. There's just a little bit of everything."

The women's team also had many members who had played in high school and were drawn to it because of the uniqueness of the sport. Both Boyle and Hansen said they had played lacrosse for years and continued to play in college because of the uniqueness of the sport.

"It's a really cool sport because it is so different," Hansen said.

Both the men and women's teams agreed that the sport was a fun one to play despite some differences found in how the two sexes played. Riney said the men's teams used protective padding while the women did not. He also said that the women's lacrosse sticks were different

from those sanctioned for men's play.

Although there were some minor differences between the men and women's teams, they agreed that lacrosse was a great place to get to know people and make lasting friendships.

"I really enjoy it, and it's a good way to meet people," Hansen said.

The camaraderie extended off the field into everyday life.

"We have an amazing team, and you can't find this team dynamic anywhere else," Boyle said. "We play because we want to play, so it helps on the field. I've never been so close as I was with the team this year."

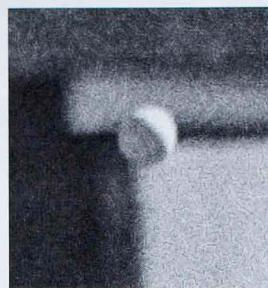
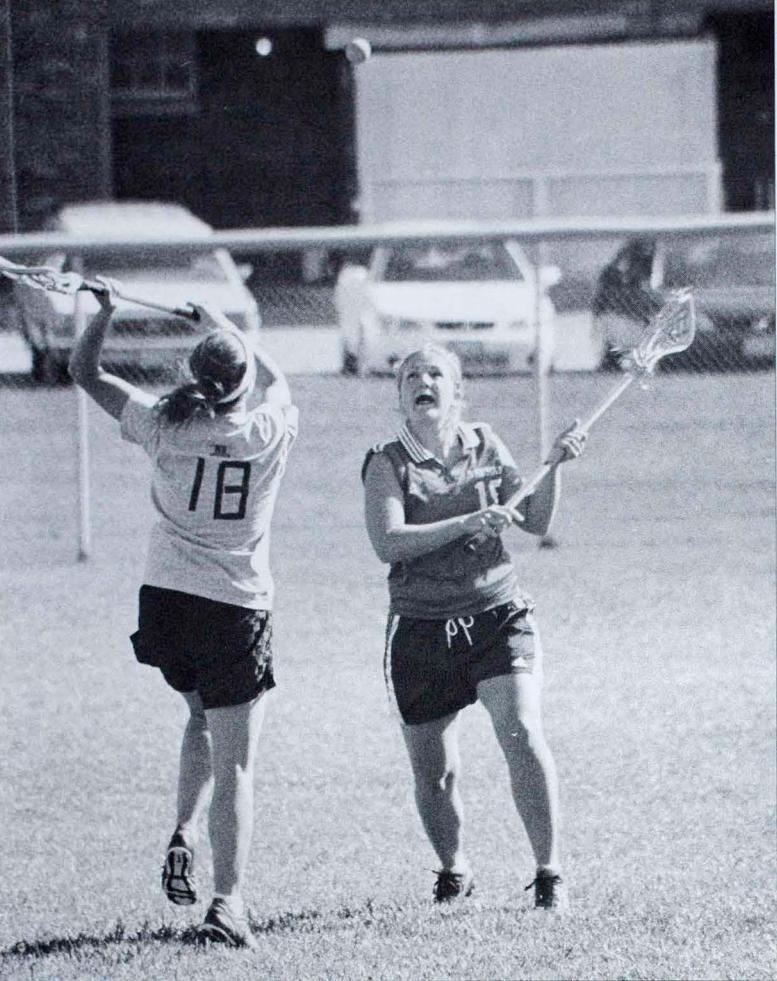


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# 'Dogs get a boost

## Students given opportunities to support their team

BY MATT PEEPLES

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It was no understatement to say Truman State University graduate Del Maddox loved University athletics. He had played for the basketball, football and baseball teams during his time as a student in the 1930s. By 2004, he had supported the athletics teams for 72 years. Maddox was not the only supporter, though.

Although University students had not been able to support Bulldog athletics as long as Maddox, they had many different opportunities to help boost the programs.

The 2004 school year had been a time of tightened budgets and increased tuition, so the most obvious form of aid for athletics was fund-raising. The Bulldog Club offered people the opportunity to donate money and allocate it to whichever sport they chose. Money not allocated to a specific sport was put into a general fund and then distributed to the athletic teams based on the greatest need.

People who donated to the Bulldog Club received perks based on the amount of their donation. These included anything from a "Bulldog Bites Newsletter" to season tickets to all sporting events. All of the donations could be used as tax write-offs for the donors.

Many of the sports had to turn to external fund-raising even though this system was in place. The Bulldogs had tried everything from

spaghetti dinners to raffles. The football team put together a golf tournament to raise money. Many of these events targeted, but were not limited to, students, faculty and parents.

Students used more than just financial donations to support the teams. Some fans supported the 'Dogs during competition. Parents had always been large supporters for the athletes, but many people found that the University lacked student support.

Many students did attend the

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games, but it often seemed to be more of an opportunity to socialize with friends than cheer on the 'Dogs. Some students showed their support and interest in the game, though, and as some athletes pointed out, that alone showed potential.

"I think there's a certain few fans, I know basketball games and there's always some at football games and volleyball, that are there screaming and yelling and trying to get the teams pumped up," said senior Derek Kent, Captain's Round Table

president and football player. "So I think there is potential there to get things going. Somehow the rock just needs to get rolling."

There were also many little tasks required to keep Bulldog athletics running. Many students used their scholarship jobs to do the small things, like keeping score at games, to aid the 'Dogs in hosting competitions. The students were not the only people getting involved.

"Sometimes retired people will do little things to help out," said Bill Cable, retired athletics media director.

Many of these jobs, like Cable's job of keeping the official scorebook, were important to the 'Dogs in order to maintain their eligibility for national competition.

Though the University did not have the most active support for the athletics programs, many professors thought it was important to show support for all activities, including athletics.

"I just think that in a liberal arts environment, we need to support activities of all types," said Jeff Gall, Centennial Hall Rector and professor of history. "I think we need to show up for the Lyceum, I think we ought to show up for ballgames. I think it is just a part of the campus life in our community, and I think our student athletes represent the best of who we are in the way they balance their academics and athletics."

The Bulldog Club and avid fans helped bring athletics the support it needed.



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# Men end seventh

## Team produces national champion, top 10 finish

BY LAUREN SCHULTE  
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When the Truman State University wrestling team started practice in fall 2003, its members knew what they wanted to achieve. They looked ahead to spring, although the leaves were just starting to turn.

"You only always have one goal at the beginning of the year and that is to end better than the year before," head coach Dave Schutter said. "In wrestling it is how you do in regionals and nationals. That's really our whole season right there."

Schutter ran the program that way and planned out practices so the team would peak by regionals in late February and again at nationals in March. The anticipation and hopes were there from the beginning. The Bulldogs wanted to have more than two national qualifiers, the number that had made it the year before.

The regular season had its own highlights, though, despite the emphasis on end-of-the-year results. Freshman Gordon Harrison won the first tournament of the year even though he had never wrestled at the collegiate level before. Juniors Merrick Meyer and Gregg Nurrenbern also had strong regular season finishes with rankings of first and fifth respectively.

"The season went about how I expected," Schutter said. "We lost a lot of close duals and had a lot of injuries."

Injuries hit the team hard, which added to its struggle to compete during the regular season.

"We just don't have enough depth in our team numbers," Schutter said. "So when somebody gets hurt, there are just not enough people to fill in."

Harrison suffered a shoulder injury that put him out for about six weeks.

"It was messed up pretty bad and that was my low point of the season," Harrison said.

Nurrenbern thought the team bounced back well, though.

"We started out strong, but injuries slowed us down," Nurrenbern said. "In the last month, we were definitely full-steam, though."

The steam did not last long enough, however. Regionals brought disappointment to most of the team and caused the goal of three national qualifiers to lie



beyond the Bulldogs' reach. The wrestlers tied for seventh place as a team and ended the season with a 4-13 dual record.

"We didn't do nearly as good as we thought we should," Harrison said. "We didn't do terrible, but we expected to do better."

Nurrenbern saw the loss of momentum for the 'Dogs from the sidelines.

"A lot of matches went the wrong way in the last minute," Nurrenbern said.

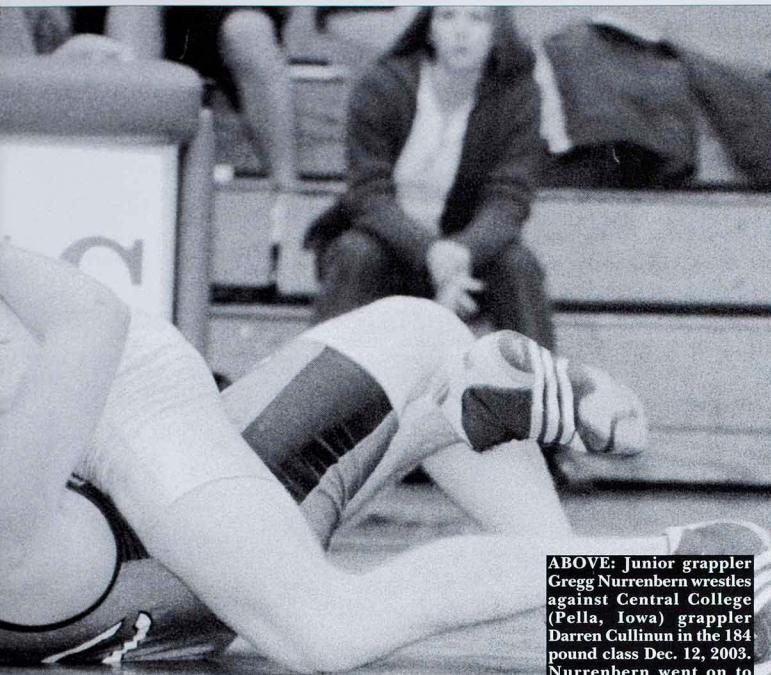
His match, however, did not. Nurrenbern finished first, and along with Meyer, who also qualified, headed to the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships in Edmond, Okla.

Meyer won four-straight matches and took first place at 141 pounds at nationals. This was the school's first in 36 years and second ever. He also made All-American for the third time.

Nurrenbern placed seventh at 184 pounds and also made the All-American team.

What was a rough season for the team ended with great success for individuals. Training and goal setting had a large impact on final results.

"It's a battle of wills and muscle and strength, so it's a combination of everything," Schutter said. "We have to mold our wrestlers here."



ABOVE: Junior grappler Gregg Nurrenbern wrestles against Central College (Pella, Iowa) grappler Darren Cullinun in the 184 pound class Dec. 12, 2003. Nurrenbern went on to compete at the 2004 Div. II Wrestling Championship and placed seventh.

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BELOW: Junior grappler Allen Stokes wrestles against Central College (Pella, Iowa) grappler Andy Ohnemus in the 125 pound class. Stokes ended with a 19-13 record.

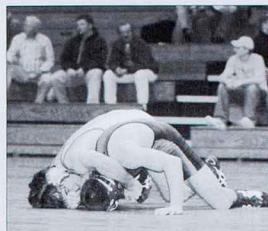


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ABOVE: Freshman Gordon Harrison wrestles against University of Indianapolis (Ind.) wrestler Zach Goldsberry in the 174 pound class during a match Feb. 13, 2004. Harrison had a 18-10 record.



FRONT ROW: Rob Nahlik, John Horman, Steve Cox, Dan Keller, Phil Esposito, Allen Stokes, Merrick Meyer, Kelley Latting, Dustin Teeman, David Buhler. BACK ROW: Steve Doeschot, Bryan Jovick, Scott Skinner, Katie Carnelia-student athletic trainer, Corey Crandall-student assistant coach, David Schutter-head coach, Tyler Williams-student trainer, Tom Tajkowski, Gregg Nurrenbern, Matt Sonn.

## -SCOREBOARD-

Lindenwood Open (St. Charles, Mo.)	*NTR
Central Missouri Open (Warrensburg)	NTR
Missouri Open (Columbia)	NTR
Cornell College (Mount Vernon, Iowa)	34/12
Coe College (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	17/27
Simpson College (Indianola, Iowa)	13/39
Central College (Pella, Iowa)	19/23
Missouri Valley College (Marshall)	11/30
Bacone College (Muscowee, Okla.)	25/21
Simpson College (Indianola, Iowa)	6th
Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti)	7/32
Duke University (Durham, N.C.)	15/26
Indiana University (Bloomington)	8/35
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	25/16
McKendree College (Lebanon, Ill.)	21/26
Lindenwood University (St. Charles, Mo.)	9/34
St. Olaf College (Northfield, Minn.)	36/19
Minnesota State University-Mankato	3/39
Fort Hayes State University (Kan.)	16/25
Missouri Baptist University (St. Louis)	22/28
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	18/23
NCAA Division II Midwest Regional (Edmond, Okla.)	7th
NCAA Division II Championships (Mankato, Minn.)	16th

\*NTR= No Team Results



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ABOVE: Senior center Lisa Miceli tries to pass the ball to a fellow teammate during a game against the University of Missouri-Rolla. The Bulldogs lost three seniors at the end of the 2003-2004 season.

RIGHT: Senior guard/forward Adri Tromp moves the ball down the court. Five team members were chosen for the 2003-2004 MIAA Commissioner's Honor Roll.



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## —SCOREBOARD—

Illinois State University (Normal)	60/73
Quincy University (Ill.)	51/79
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	58/50
William Penn University (Oskaloosa, Iowa)	51/45
Central Methodist College (Fayette, Mo.)	74/57
Dury University (Springfield, Mo.)	61/67
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	70/54
Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove, Mo.)	60/41
Suffolk University (Boston, Mass.)	69/24
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	47/68
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	41/66
University of Missouri-Rolla	68/60
Emporia State University (Kan.)	80/94
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	69/86
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	55/73
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	68/85
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	74/81
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	71/73
Missouri Southern State University	61/59
Southwest Baptist University	55/69
Central Missouri State University	55/74
Northwest Missouri State University	61/89
Washburn University	94/97
Missouri Western State College	60/99
Emporia State University	69/81
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	58/50
University of Missouri-Rolla	78/58
Pittsburg State University	70/85



ABOVE: Freshman center Emily Markovich takes the ball to the hoop against the University of Missouri-Rolla. The 'Dogs won two games against UMR during the 2003-2004 season.

# 'Dogs head South

## Team makes memories in Bahamas, despite losses

BY JESSICA LOWE

SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball season was filled with ups and downs. The team won just 10 of its 28 games, but the numbers did not stop the women from experiencing a positive season and traveling to an exotic location.

"[The season] wasn't what we wanted," senior point guard Emily Turnbull said. "The wins and losses didn't go how we wanted them to go."

Despite a rough second half of the season, Turnbull said the team made a lot of improvements.

"We still had a lot of fun within the season," Turnbull said.

One of the highlights of the year for many of the players was a trip to the Bahamas for the Bahamas Sunshine Shootout in Nassau. The team won the tournament, defeating Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove, Penn.) 60-41 Dec. 21, 2003, and Suffolk University (Boston, Mass.) 69-24 Dec. 22, 2003.

"Being with the team in the Bahamas, and we played really well was the best," freshman center Emily

Markovich said.

The team was promised a trip by head coach John Sloop four years ago when he first took the reigns of the Bulldog team.

"Our freshman year we came in, and it was Sloop's first year, too," senior forward Annie Westhoff said. "He promised us a big trip by our senior year. We got to do it by budgeting and saving money. We've taken a trip every year, but this year was extra special."

The trip was a highlight of the season for many of the players.

"It was a blast to go play a couple of games and win the tournament," Turnbull said. "It was the coldest it had been there in 20 years, but it didn't matter. We experienced the culture, and it gave a lot of people a chance to go to a place they would never have a chance to go."

Turnbull said that aside from the exotic vacation, the team also had some great moments at home.

"From a personal standpoint, a highlight was when we played at home against Lincoln [University — (Jefferson City, Mo.)]," Turnbull said. "I had one of my best shooting nights that I had here, and we played

well as a team."

The Bulldogs defeated Lincoln twice during the season, both times by a score of 58 to 50. A tough game that stood out in players' minds was the home game against Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.).

"We lost in double overtime, but we played such a good game," Markovich said. "It could have easily gone either way. It was one of the best I've played in. As much as it hurt to lose, I'll never forget it."

The team had a few close calls during the season, losing four games by a margin of less than 10 points. Turnbull said one of the most outstanding losses was the home game against Emporia State University (Kan.).

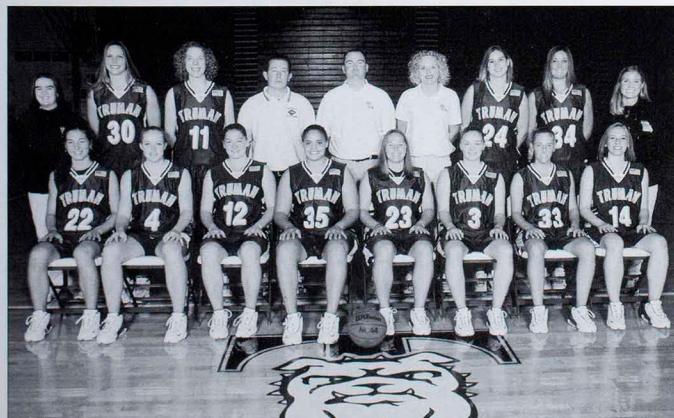
"When we played Emporia at home, we beat them in every statistical aspect of the game except for the final points on the board," Turnbull said. "We just couldn't close out the game in the end."

Markovich said the close-knit team made the season memorable for her, despite the hard losses.

"It was really special to be a part of something big," Markovich said. "They are a group of girls who are there whenever you need them. There's 12 who work hard to do the best that we can."

ABOVE: PHOTO BY LAURA BLAKEY  
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KATIE KELLY

FRONT ROW: Adri Tromp, Noelle Peterson, Natalie Schupback, Emily Markovich, Emily Turnbull, Kelli Floyd, Megan Patti, Ali Long. BACK ROW: Erin Tweedy-student manager, Jamie Huffman, Sarah Sommer, Eric Horning-trainer, John Sloop-head coach, Marne Fauser-assistant coach, Annie Westhoff, Lisa Miceli, Jennifer McFonnell-student assistant coach.



# Hoop dreams

## A young men's team struggles but makes progress

BY JENNA KEEVEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Truman State University men's basketball team had one goal in mind — to make it to the conference tournament during the 2003-2004 season. However, the young Bulldogs fell short of their goal, ending with a 6-21 record.

"The biggest challenge was the fact that we are a young team, and that we brought in a lot of freshmen," junior Jon Hardy said.

Four freshmen, seven sophomores, one junior and two seniors made up the 2003-2004 team.

"[Our] expectations were high, but not too high because we are young," sophomore Gavin Welker said.

The Bulldogs, although they did not meet their goal, had some amazing victories on the road, beating Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 67-64 Jan. 31 and Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 60-58 Feb. 2.

### —SCOREBOARD—

Bob Carlson Alumni Game (Kirksville, Mo.)	80/66
Southeast Missouri State University (Cape Girardeau)	66/93
Dreambuilders (Kirksville, Mo.)	73/75
Quincy University (Ill.)	71/72
Culver-Stockton College (Canton, Mo.)	66/68
Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, Okla.)	40/52
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	71/65
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	83/69
Harris-Stowe State College (St. Louis)	83/49
William Penn University (Oskaloosa, Iowa)	58/68
University of Findlay (Ohio)	52/71
Grand Valley State University (Allendale, Mich.)	53/69
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	79/76
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	65/84
University of Missouri-Rolla	50/64
Emporia State University (Kan.)	80/85
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	61/67
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	71/79
Northwest Missouri State University	63-68
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	65/66
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	69/84
Missouri Southern State University	67/64
Southwest Baptist University	60/58
Central Missouri State University	56/73
Northwest Missouri State University	52/73
Washburn University	54/70
Missouri Western State College	79/90
Emporia State University	72/84
University of Missouri-Rolla	63/82
Pittsburg State University	80/86

"It was good victories for us," Welker said.

One of the worst moments for Hardy was when the 'Dogs lost by a score of 72-71 against Quincy University (Ill.) on Nov. 15 as the buzzer went off.

"We've had seven or eight games that we have lost by two or three points," sophomore Derek Lindsey said. "We had so many close losses this year."

One strategy the 'Dogs used was getting the basketball inside the key.

"We have a lot of good players inside," Lindsey said. "We really like to concentrate on getting the ball inside. After that, if there's not much inside, then our post players kick it out and help us to get open shots on the outside."

The team's strongest point came from the defense.

"We were solid defensively," head coach Jack Schrader said. "We got a lot of production from post players as far as scoring. Weaknesses, we need to improve our perimeter shooting."

One true fan of the 'Dogs was senior Matt Beran's father who made the trips to the University to watch his son play. His father was in a serious car accident on the way home from one of Beran's games, leaving him paralyzed. Campus Christian Fellowship sponsored a fund-raiser in an effort to raise money for Beran during halftime of a game against Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) on Feb. 7.

"Our parents, in conjunction with CCF, raised \$4,000," Schrader said. "It was tremendous to see how everybody's hearts contributed that day."

Beran's father attended the Senior Night game Feb. 25 against the University of Missouri-Rolla. Beran and senior Aaron Mueller received acknowledgment for their outstanding effort. The two seniors had stepped up to become leaders of the young team.

Mueller was made the All-District/All-Academic team and Beran made All-Conference Performer Team. Freshman Grant Agbo also made conference Freshman of the Year.

"This is their last hurrah, and they both performed admirably," Schrader said.

Though the record did not show much improvement from the previous year, Lindsey believed that the team had grown.

"I think we have improved," Lindsey said. "We are a lot better, and we are more mature."

Schrader planned on keeping the team's playing strategy consistent year-to-year.

"We pretty much figured out a way that is effective for these guys to play, but hopefully we'll have more success in the victory column," Schrader said.



ABOVE: Freshman Grant Agbo charges toward the hoop during a home game. Agbo was the team's leading scorer, making 327 points during the season.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON



FRONT ROW: Jon Hardy, Derek Lindsey, Austin Kirby, Chip Sodemann, Aaron Mueller, Matt Brock, Ryan Welker, Ryan Hatcher. BACK ROW: Gavin Welker, Andy Calmes, Adam Ogle, John Scognamiglio—student assistant/manager, Jack Schrader—head coach, Tim Deidrick—assistant coach, Garret Grimm, Matt Beran, Grant Agbo.

# Taking to the green

## Golfers have good showing during regular season

BY JEFF HUTCHINSON

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Feet soaked with morning dew and fishing golf balls out of water traps were drawbacks of the game for many golfers, but the Truman State University golf teams trudged on. Both the men's and women's golf teams had rocky seasons.

"I would say that the fall season was like a roller coaster," said men's head golf coach Tom Drennan. "One week we would play well, and one week we wouldn't play so well."

Sam Lesseig, head coach for the women's golf team, shared some of the same feelings about their season.

"We've had a couple of tournaments we've played very well in," Lesseig said. "We've had some we didn't play well at all."

Lesseig said that the wide range of competition that the team faced may have accounted for the varying results of the team.

"The tournaments we play in involve everybody from Div. I, to the NAIA schools and Div. III," Lesseig said. "So we aren't always playing against Div. II competition."

The teams also had to contend with a season that was split into two parts — fall and spring.

"It's difficult because we can play all summer and get our games really in shape," junior Lauren Allen said. "In the fall, we don't have to practice quite as much because it is easy to just go and play. In the spring, we have to practice a lot because we have not played all winter."

The spring weather also played an important factor.

"The bad thing about our location is that the weather just isn't very good," Lesseig said. "The weather is very iffy."

Both teams accomplished great things, however. Highlights for the women's team included a 12th-place finish in the Illinois Wesleyan Tournament (Bloomington) out of 21 teams and a second-place finish in the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational (Lincoln).

"Those were probably our two best tournaments where we put some things together, and people were making some progress,"

Lesseig said.

Senior Erin Forgarty's first-place win at the Hickory Point Invitational (Decatur, Ill.) was a high note for the team as well. It helped get the team into the tie breaker. They lost, but ended up tied for second at the event.

On the men's side, one highlight was a tournament win at the Central Regional Fall Invitational in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

"That was the highlight [of the season], I think," Drennan said.

Drennan also said that this tournament was important because it allowed them to win a tournament, and accomplish their No. 1 goal.

Junior Austin George's win at the Central Missouri Heart of America Classic was another accomplishment for the men's team. Drennan said that it had been at least six years since a men's golfer had won a tournament for the Bulldogs.

"Hopefully the rest of us can follow his example," senior Jake Mann said.

The major highlight was being runner-up in NCAA Regionals, however.

No matter what the result was on the course, both teams said that they were very close with their fellow teammates.

"We hang out together a lot and get to know each other," Mann said. "It makes it a little easier to give each other a little boost of confidence if we need it."



FRONT ROW: Calie Fulmer, Sheri Khan, Becky Grey, Erin Fogarty, Courtney Floro, Lauren Allen, Sara Lloyd, Alyssa Pulpus, Megan Morrissey. SECOND ROW: Tom Drennan — men's head coach, Jake Mann, Brett Meeske, Andy Crossett, Austin George, Sam Lesseig — women's head coach. BACK ROW: Ashley Elliot, Melissa Pfeiffer, Jason Bertram, Tyler Phillips, Jesse Helms, Noah Devine, Sabrina Wells, Dyane Tower.



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-Sam Lesseig,  
women's head  
coach



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## —SCOREBOARD—

### Fall Women's Schedule

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Tournament	5th of 12 teams
Wartburg College Tournament (Waverly, Iowa)	3rd of 13 teams
Illinois Wesleyan Tournament (Bloomington)	12th of 21 teams
Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational (Lincoln)	2nd of 7 teams
Northern Illinois University Tournament (Dekalb)	8th of 10 teams
University of Missouri-Kansas City Tournament	8th of 8 teams

### Spring Women's Schedule

Texas A&M University-Commerce Tournament	14th of 15 teams
Bulldog Classic (Kirksville)	8th of 10 teams
Drury University Invitational (Springfield, Mo.)	4th of 4 teams
Millikin University Tournament (Decatur, Ill.)	T-2nd of 11 teams

### Men's Fall Schedule

Truman Open (Kirksville)	5th of 9 teams
Central Regional Fall Invitational (Detroit Lakes, Minn.)	1st of 11 teams
Missouri Southern State University Tournament (Joplin)	8th of 10 teams
Drury University Invitational	T-17th of 21 teams

### Men's Spring Schedule

Central Missouri State University Invitational (Warrensburg)	5th of 12 teams
Missouri Western State College Invitational (St. Joseph)	7th of 12 teams
Central Region Invitational (Leawood, Kan.)	6th of 12 teams
NCAA Super Regional (Union, Ky.)	5th of 7 teams

# 'Dogs No. 1

## Team takes fourth national title

BY REENA KARAN

ASSISTANT COPY EDITOR

In an amazing feat, the Truman State University women's swim team won its fourth straight NCAA Division II national championship in 2004. The team beat Drury University (Springfield, Mo.), with a score of 641 to 561.

The Bulldogs brought 18 individuals to the Div. II meet, which was the maximum amount allowed. Five of the 18 were national champions, and 12 had previously competed in a national meet.

Three seniors, Alice Blyth, Krista Pray and Katie May, won their fourth straight All-American titles, while freshman Lija Kaleps-Clark won the team's only individual national title. Pray, along with sophomore Whitney Jensen and juniors Michaela Osborn and Christina Blose, competed in the 200-yard medley. The women won, but were just short of beating the national record set by the previous year's squad.

The lack of individual titles but team success summed up the 'Dogs' season.

"I think what made our team so special was that we didn't have anyone who really stood out—it was a whole team effort," Blyth said. "Everyone helped each other out, supported them."

Pray agreed that the closeness of the team contributed significantly to the team's success.

"We have a really close team, close

friendships," Pray said. "The fact that we are so close, that we visit each other, count on each other for support, is important. We would not have won without that great team atmosphere."

Support was like another member of the team. Team members relied heavily on each other, and they even had secret motivators that intensified their desire to succeed.

"A secret motivator is someone, you don't know who it is, who gives you cards and gifts, notes of motivation in your locker," May said. "It's always a big motivation when you know that there is someone specifically looking out for you."

All the motivation May, Blyth and Pray needed came from an aspiration to win a national title each of the four years they were at the University.

"It was kind of a relief to win," Pray said. "Alice, Katie and I wanted to win all four years. It was a battle, so it was awesome when we won. We got to show everyone what our team could do."

Blyth agreed that the win was extra special.

"We worked really hard," Blyth said. "Every season that's our goal, and when we actually do it, it's pretty cool."

Winning four consecutive national titles took hard work and a vast amount of effort from team members. The swimmers had to make sure they were always ready for the next level.

"We just tried to build up our confidence," May said. "We didn't



focus on what other teams were doing. We just tried to focus on what we needed to do to accomplish our goals. We always try to step it up to the next level, to try and push the envelope. We already have an idea of what works, [head coach Colleen Murphy] just expands on that."

The 'Dogs did not rely on ambition and support alone. Hard work led to their success. They had a rigorous training schedule that included pool and land conditioning as well as working out during the pre-season and during Christmas break.

"We worked hard in and out of the pool," Pray said. "We are the crazy ones that people always see running on the track, up and down the bleachers, doing push ups and pull ups."



**ABOVE:** Junior Megan Losee dives into the water, seeking a fast finish. Losee swam the individual medley and the butterfly for the team.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON

## —SCOREBOARD—



FRONT ROW: Kara Timbers-trainer, Lindsay McReynolds, Brittany Anderson, Jackie Lopez, Gina Fettig, Megan Losee, Aimee Gregor, Alison Blyth, Sue Ellen Thoma, Cassie Roudebush, Christina Blose, Katie Funk, Meghan Vaughan, Whitney Jensen. SECOND ROW: Joe Fanthrop-assistant coach, Liz Hug-student assistant, Kelli Dudley-student assistant, Meredith Rocha, Whitney Burch, Brigit Brunsden, Sarah Dance, Erin Silva, Shannan Schoening, Kristin Halet, Diana Betsworth, Sara Hatcher-student assistant, Colleen Murphy-head coach, BACK ROW: Sarah Wells, Calie Fulmer, Michaela Osborn, Krista Pray, Kate Kresl, Lindsay Vaughan, Lija Kaleps Clark, Krista Wray, Kathleen Moyer, Emily Chadwick, Katie May, Lindsey Ehret.

Pentathlon (Kirksville, Mo.)	*NTR
Purple and White Intrasquad (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR
University of Missouri-Columbia	74/126
Bulldog Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.)	*NTR
University of Nebraska	113/149
University of Nebraska-Omaha Invite	1st place
Delta State University Invite (Cleveland, Miss.)	1st place
University of Tampa (Fla.)	155/108
University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls)	164/126
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	NTR
Western Illinois University (Macomb)	126/71
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	102/121
Central States Championships (Springfield, Mo.)	1st place
NCAA Division II National Championships (Buffalo, N.Y.)	1st place

\*NTR = No Team Results

# Bulldogs dive in

## Men qualify for Nationals but miss chance at title

BY SARAH RENSHAW

STAFF WRITER

The men's swim team had all its hard work pay off in the 2003-2004 season. Members practiced every afternoon and two to three mornings every week, swimming approximately 6,000 yards and doing multiple 'dry land' exercises every week.

The team ended its regular season with a third-place finish in the Central State Championship at Drury University (Springfield, Mo.), finishing behind Drury and University of Missouri-Rolla. Freshman Robert Fletcher qualified for Nationals by winning the 200-yard breaststroke race.

Sophomore Chris Brammer said the season's highlight was the duel against home state rival, UMR.

"We came together as a team and won a close meet," Brammer said.

The meet took place Nov. 14, 2003, at UMR. Heading into the 10th event, only two points separated the rivals, and the Bulldogs had to win the final race — the 400-yard freestyle relay. Despite UMR's home-team advantage, junior Ashtyn Beek, sophomore Josh Otis and seniors Vince Struble and Robby Cooper led the Bulldogs to victory with a time of 3:12.73. The 'Dogs were first-place winners in six of the events after this victory. The final score was 108-97 in favor of Truman State University.

Brammer broke his personal best time in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:58.84 at this race. Junior Justin Brosseau recorded a personal best in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:11.74.

Six men went to the national competition in Buffalo, N.Y. They took 16th out of 26 teams, mainly due to two disqualifications they suffered at the meet.

One disqualification was during the 400-yard free relay due to a false start. The second-leg swimmer dove off the starting block mere tenths of a second before the first-leg swimmer touched the wall. Another disqualification came when senior Andy Harkin dolphin kicked during the breaststroke.

"Andy Harkin got disqualified in the 200 [yard] breast stroke, which was his last swim as a senior," head coach Colleen Murphy said. "We did not agree with it, but



the officials said he dolphin kicked off the wall, which is illegal in the breaststroke competition."

Many team members said the team could have earned a high ranking without the disqualifications.

"As a whole, we did not have a great meet because we had such a small number of guys, which was disappointing," Fletcher said. "And not everybody swam as well as they wanted to. I don't know if the two disqualifications would have put us in the top 10, but a few places higher probably."

Luckily, the disqualifications did not dampen the swimmers' attitudes for the remainder of the meet.

"I don't think it affected their morale as much. They were upset, as in angry about it, especially Andy, who was a senior," Murphy said. "He would have made it back and would have gotten to swim and score points for the team."

The men broke several University records during the season. Otis broke a school record in the 200-yard individual medley, winning the race at Delta State University (Cleveland, Miss.), with a time of 1:53.59. Fletcher also broke the 200-yard backstroke record.



ABOVE: Junior Dustin Engles (far left) and senior Brian Teson (second from the right) dive into the water at a meet in Pershing Natatorium. The men's team sent six swimmers to the NCAA Division II Championships.

PHOTO BY KIM DICKINSON



FRONT ROW: Kara Timbers-trainer, Dustin Engels, Matt Peeples, Chris Hagan, Vince Struble, Derek Duffy, Eric Paden, Chris Brammer, Caleb Hopkins, Ashtyn Beek. SECOND ROW: Joe Fanthrop-assistant coach, Brian Teson, Andrew Wright, Phil Brown, Josh Otis, Nick Joslin, Justin Brosseau, Ben Buras, Colleen Murphy-head coach. BACK ROW: Bryan Meyer, Andy Harken, Mike Wasikowski, Tom Applegate, Ryan Jacobi, Robert Fletcher, Robert Cooper, Denis Potts.

## -SCOREBOARD-

Pentathlon (Kirksville, Mo.)	*NTR
Purple and White Intrasquad (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR
University of Missouri-Columbia	78/127
Bulldog Invitational	NTR
University of Missouri-Rolla	108/97
University of Nebraska-Omaha Invite	2nd place
Delta State University Invite (Cleveland, Miss.)	2nd place
University of Tampa (Fla.)	125/138
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	NTR
Western Illinois University (Macomb)	118/81
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	82/133
Central States Championship (Springfield, Mo.)	3rd place
NCAA Division II National Championships (Buffalo, N.Y.)	16th place

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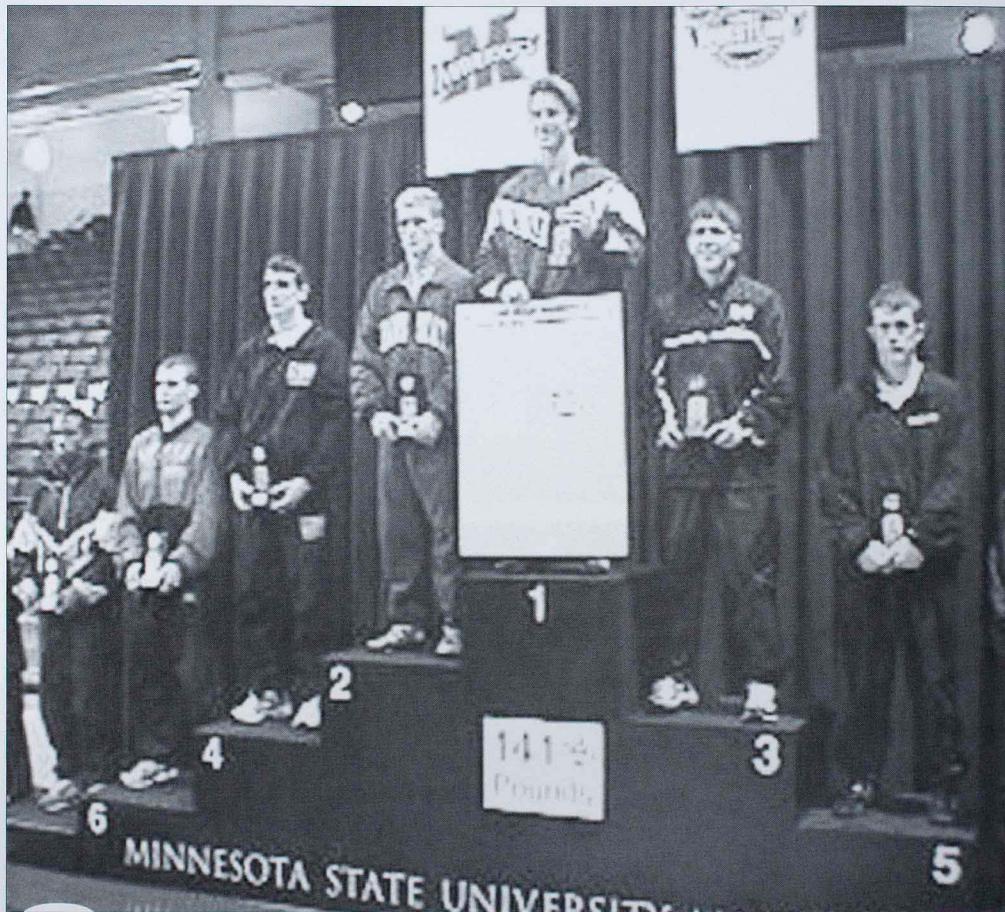
# Top of their game

Bulldog athletes shine during the 2003-2004 season

Truman State University's athletics program had a lot to brag about during the 2003-2004 season. The Bulldogs, in their respective sports, brought home three National titles, one team went undefeated in its regular season, dozens of athletes received MIAA and NCAA recognition for their accomplishments and over a half-

dozen teams competed in MIAA Championships or advanced to nationals.

The following are the highlights for the athletic program as selected by members of the Echo yearbook staff. The selections represent the best the University has to offer to the NCAA Division II athletics.



ABOVE: Bulldog grappler junior Merrick Meyer won the NCAA Division II National Championship in his weight class of 141 pounds March 12-13, 2004, in Mankato, Minn. Meyer completed the season with a 30-6 record, marking his third consecutive 30-win season at Truman State University. Meyer is a three-time All-American and has recorded 96 wins. He was runner-up in the 141-pound class at the NCAA Division II National Championships in 2003. Meyer was the second wrestler in the University's history to win a national title.



LEFT: The women's swim team heads into the pool after winning the 2004 NCAA Division II National Championships on March 13, 2004, in Buffalo, N.Y. It was the team's fourth consecutive National title. Junior Michaela Osborn, junior Diana Betsworth, senior Krista Pray and sophomore Meredith Rocha represented Truman State University in the 400-yard medley relay. The quartet won first and broke the University and NCAA record at 3:47.50. Seniors Alison Blyth, Katie May and Pray earned their fourth All-American honors following the championship.

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ABOVE: Senior Elizabeth Economon, shortstop, helped lead the Bulldog softball team to the NCAA Division II Regional Playoffs. The 'Dogs fell shy of competing for the national title when they were eliminated from the tournament by Div. II rival Emporia State University (Kan.), 0-4. Economon racked up several records and honors during the 2004 season, including conference and school career records for runs, hits, RBIs, walks and homeruns. She was also named All-American two seasons in a row.

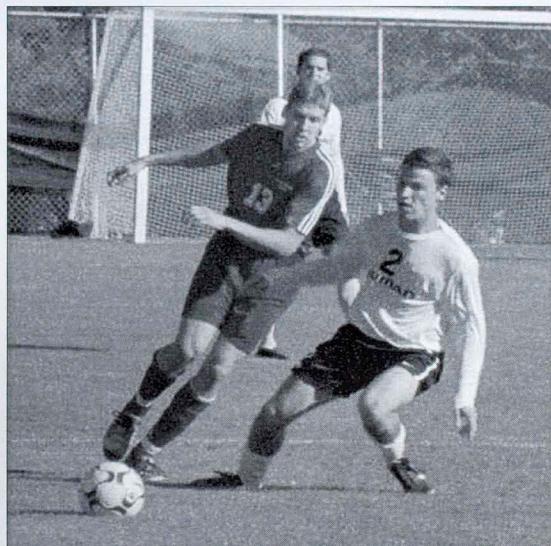


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ABOVE: Sophomore Mike Boyle moves in on the ball against an opponent. The Bulldogs went undefeated in their regular season play, winning 19 games. University of Findlay (Ohio), however, beat the men's team 2-1 in the NCAA Division II Quarterfinals. Despite the loss, the National Soccer Coaches Association named the men's team fourth in the nation, while Findlay was listed fifth.

**RIGHT:** Truman State University men's cross country runners compete at the MIAA Championship on Oct. 25, 2003, in Kirksville. The men placed second out of eight teams but fell short of advancing to the MIAA title, losing by one point to Missouri Southern State University (Joplin). Despite their loss to Missouri Southern, the men went on their fourth-straight trip to the NCAA Division II Championships in Cary, N.C. The Bulldogs finished 17 out of 24 teams at the National meet.

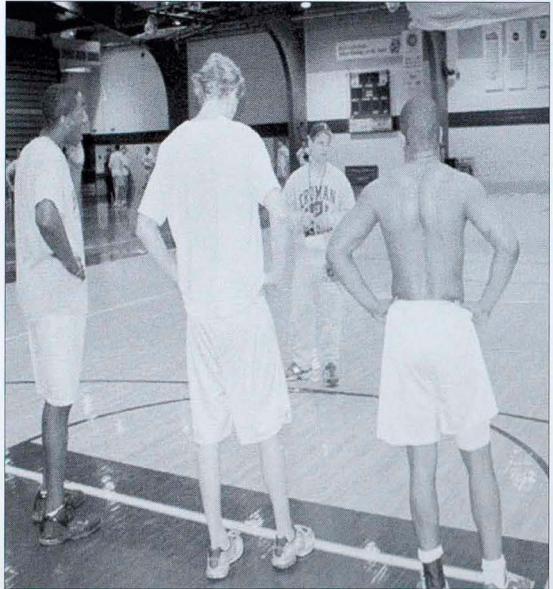


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**ABOVE:** Football head coach Shannon Currier instructs his team at a spring practice in Pershing Arena. Currier was named the Truman State University Bulldog's new coach after long-time coach John Ware announced he would be taking a position at Bulldog rival Missouri Southern State University (Joplin). Before transferring to the University, Currier was the head coach at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn.



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LEFT: Student coach, Corey Crandall, junior Greg Nurrenbern, senior Merrick Meyer and wrestling head coach David Schutter celebrate at the 2004 NCAA Division II National Championships. Nurrenbern placed 7th in the 184-pound class at the championships on March 13, 2004. Nurrenbern earned all-American status for his efforts on the mat. The Bulldog grappler finished the 2003-2004 season with a 34-12 record, his second consecutive 30+ win season. Nurrenbern and Meyer represented Truman State University at the National Championships in Mankato, Minn. Meyer won first place at championships in his class.

BELOW: Freshman Sarah Shearman, outside hitter, slams on an opponent at a home match. The volleyball team brought home the 2003 MIAA Championship to Truman State University. The 'Dogs advanced to the NCAA Division II Regional Semifinal but were defeated by University of North Alabama (Florence), 0-3. They advanced to the national tournament four consecutive years.

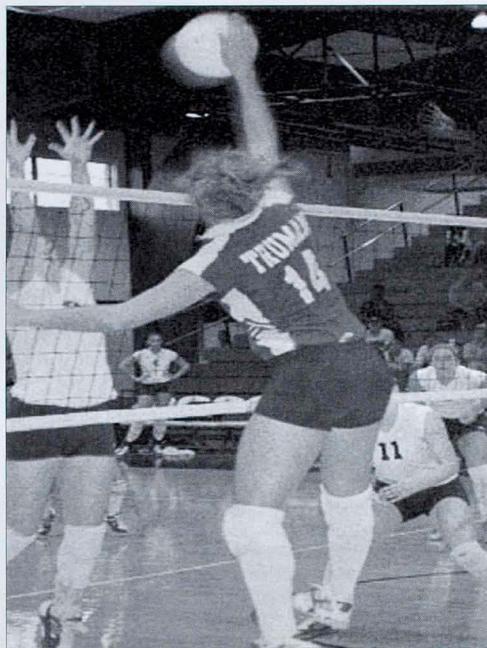


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PHOTO BY DANIELLE STACY

LEFT: Junior Christina Winkler leaps over a hurdle during the Truman Open on March 24, 2004. Winkler was the only representative at the NCAA Div. II indoor championships, qualifying for the 60-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash. She won second-place honors in the 60-meter hurdles, with a time of 8.77. Winkler also received the MIAA title in 60-meter hurdles and set a school and meet record with a time of 8.68. She also broke a school record with her second-place finish in the 200-meter dash. Winkler's outstanding season earned her five MIAA Athlete of the Week Awards and indoor All-Conference honors.

# 'Dogs serve it up

Teams have good season, men advance to Nationals

BY PHIL HAGEMAN

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Truman State University tennis team knew 2003-2004 had the possibility of being a long and difficult season.

The men's team had one senior, Ben Smith, who was sidelined for several matches with mononucleosis. The women's team had no seniors but was given a boost by the superb playing of junior Abigail Souders. She was named MIAA Women's Tennis Player of the Week in March for her six-straight wins in No. 3 singles for the Bulldogs.

Three of Souders' wins came at the Feb. 16 Principia (Ill.) tournament, cited by both Souders and Coach Pete Kendall as the highlight of the season for the team.

Kendall handled the coaching duties for both the men's and women's squads and said that the teams practiced together outside and also ran and lifted weights together. The men's and women's teams played 90 percent of their matches together, making it easier for Kendall to conduct his coaching duties. The two teams had developed bonds that extended outside the tennis court because they spent so much time together.

"Both teams travel in the same vehicle, practice together and interact socially," Kendall said. "From day one, the players are together — they have a new group to get them accustomed to the surroundings."

Kendall compared the social bonds of the tennis team to a fraternity or sorority. In fact, since Kendall had taken over as head coach for the University, he had seen three marriages take place between his players.

Although the Principia Tournament was a highlight for the team, both the men's and women's teams had stayed around .500 and expected the MIAA Conference Tournament to be the true test of their abilities. For the men's squad, Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar,

Mo.) was the conference's top contender. But with Smith back in the spring, having been eased into the lineup with doubles play, the team posed a threat in the tournament.

"Ben is having a great year to finish out on despite the mono," sophomore Tyler Wood said. "He is the silent leader of our team. He leads by example."

Team members had the main goal of going to the NCAA Division II tournament and thus having a shot at the Div. II title. But Souders said a lot of adversity had to be overcome for the team to remain focused.

"We were low on numbers — a few girls dropped out," Souders said. "We have had a real struggle coming up with a good doubles lineup. We knew it would be a hard season."

Souders and Kendall were optimistic about the prospects for 2004-2005, owing to a full returning roster on the women's squad, the loss of just one senior on the men's squad and great recruits from high school teams.



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ABOVE: Freshman Hannah Wittmer returns the ball to the other side of the court. The women completed their 2003-2004 season at the MIAA tournament April 24, 2004, in Topeka, Kan.

**"From day one, the players are together."**

-head coach Pete Kendall

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**ABOVE:** Junior Steve Jones smashes the ball across the net. The men's team finished its 2003-2004 season with its first trip to the Div. II tournament since 2001.

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## SCOREBOARD

	M:	W:
MIAA Team Doubles Tournament (St. Joseph, Mo.)	NTR	NTR
Quincy University (Ill.)	8/1	9/0
Truman's Men's Invitational Singles Tournament (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR	-----
Western Illinois University Tournament (Macomb)	-----	NTR
Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa)	1/8	9/0
Western Illinois University Tournament	NTR	-----
Truman Invitational Singles Tournament	-----	NTR
Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.)	9/0	9/0
ITA Regional Tournament (Topeka, Kan.)	NTR	NTR
Central College (Pella, Iowa)	-----	4/5
Principia Tournament (Elmhurst, Ill.)	NTR	NTR
University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls)	-----	1/6
Colorado State University-Pueblo	4/5	4/5
Metropolitan State College of Denver (Colo.)	5/2	3/5
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	-----	1/8
Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.)	1/8	1/8
Quincy University (Ill.)	8/1	9/0
Washburn University	2/7	3/6
Graceland University	8/1	9/0
Winona State University (Minn.)	5/1	-----
Minnesota State University-Mankato	-----	9/0
Graceland University	-----	9/0
Missouri Western State College	-----	8/1
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	1/8	2/7
Central College (Pella, Iowa)	7/2	-----
Emporia State University (Kan.)	6/3	3/6
Emporia State University	-----	-----
MIAA Tournament	5/0	3/5
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	-----	-----
MIAA Tournament	0/5	-----
Southwest Baptist University	-----	-----
NCAA Division II Tournament	0/5	-----

\*NTR=No team results

**FRONT ROW:** Ben Smith, Ryan Cope, Niklas, Stubbendorff, Brett Taylor, Sean Cooper. **SECOND ROW:** Lisa Shellenberger, Hannah Wittmer, Melissa Dudak, Becky Dinsick, Kristine Grajo, Jessica Bennett, Abigail Souders, Erin Sadzewicz. **BACK ROW:** Steve Jones, Tyler Wood, Brad Martin, Pete Kendall-head coach.



# —SCOREBOARD—

## Indoor Track & Field

Cyclone Holiday Classic (Ames, Iowa)  
 Bill Hillenbrand Invitational (Vermillion, S.D.)  
 Iowa Indoor Open (Iowa City)  
 Central Missouri Invitational (Warrensburg)  
 Iowa State Open (Ames)  
 Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)  
 Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Invitational  
 (Joplin, Mo.)  
 Knox Invitational  
 (Galesburg, Ill.)  
 MIAA Championships  
 (Joplin, Mo.)  
 NCAA Division II Championships  
 (Boston, Mass.)

## Outdoor Track & Field

Augustana Spring Opener  
 (Rock Island, Ill.)  
 Truman Open (Kirksville, Mo.)  
 Northwest Missouri Invitational  
 (Maryville)  
 Division II Challenge  
 (Emporia, Kan.)  
 Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)  
 Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)  
 Simpson Twilight (Indianola, Iowa)  
 Western Illinois Invitational (Macomb)  
 MIAA Combined Events (Kirksville, Mo.)  
 MIAA Championships  
 (Maryville, Mo.)  
 Emporia State University  
 Twilight Qualifier (Kan.)  
 NCAA Division II Championships  
 (Walnut, Calif.)

\*NTR=No team results

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FRONT ROW: Leah Zidon, Candi Jones, Kelsie Goodman, Dani Rawlings, Abbie Smith, Francine Schafer. SECOND ROW: Christina Winkler, Sarah Armstrong, Meagan Robertson, Bridgette Carpenter. BACK ROW: Pam Bird, Ashley Colon, Amy Bechen, Lainie Bohnsack, Lindee Weese, Danielle Grimes, Jacquelyn Faust, Rebecca Charles, Lauren White, Julie Gremaud.



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ABOVE: Senior Leah Zidon runs the 3000-meter run during the Truman Open. Zidon won second in her event March 27, 2004.

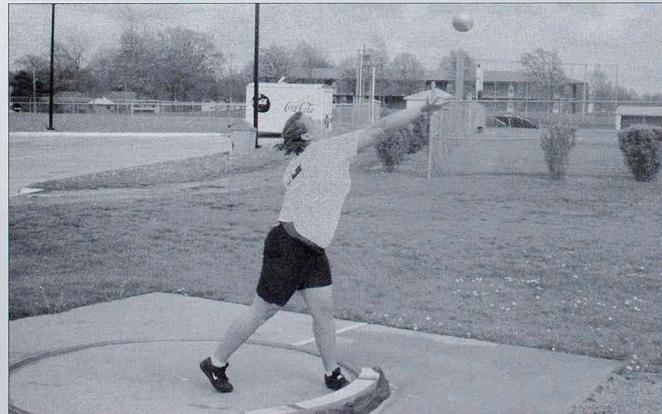


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ABOVE: Freshman Bridgette Carpenter hurls a shot put at the Truman Open on March 27, 2004. Carpenter placed fourth at the event with her 12.3 meter throw.

ABOVE: Junior Christina Winkler clears a hurdle in the Truman Open on March 27, 2004. Winkler won the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles.

# 'Dogs taste victory

## Track team thrives during indoor, outdoor seasons

BY MELISSA ALLEN  
MANAGING EDITOR

As they cleared the last hurdle and sprinted to the finish, all others fell short of the runner in purple, junior Christina Winkler from the women's track team. This happened often in 2003-2004 and again as Winkler hurdled toward second place in the 60-meter hurdles at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships.

Winkler was not the only Bulldog to taste victory. The women ran competitively and eventually earned third-place honors in both the indoor MIAA

Championships and the outdoor MIAA Championships.

"I know that there was high expectations to win [indoor] conference again," freshman Amy Bechen said.

Head coach John Cochrane had expected some events to qualify for the national meet.

"As a coach, my goal was to try to improve people to the point that, first of all they are more competitive in our conference, and number two, that any individuals we have that qualify for the national meet, that we get that done," Cochrane said.

The Bulldogs ran in the Iowa Indoor Open

(Iowa City), on Jan. 17. Winkler placed second in the 60-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash. Third-place finishers were senior Candi Jones in the 400-meter dash, junior Candice Hoskins in the 800-meter run and sophomore Lainie Bohnsack in the high jump.

The 'Dogs picked up speed as the indoor season progressed and earned a third-place team finish in the MIAA Championship. Winkler captured the MIAA title in the 60-meter hurdles and set the school and meet record with a time of 8.68, broke a school record with a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash, placed second in the 400-meter dash and was a member of the championship 4x400-meter relay team along with Jones, Hoskins and senior Sara Jessen. Jones won the MIAA title in the 600-meter run, breaking her own school record. The 4x800-meter relay team of freshman Lauren White, freshman Meagan Robertson, Jones and Hoskins also received first-place honors.

Winkler was the lone representative at the NCAA Div. II Indoor Championships, qualifying in the 60-meter hurdles and in the 400-meter dash. She took home second-place honors in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.77.

The 'Dogs also had high expectations for the outdoor season.

"Christina [Winkler] will probably make it to Nationals ... and there are some other things that could make it," Cochrane said. "Sara Jessen made it [in 2003] in the hurdles, and we had a 4x4 that made it [in 2003]."

Jones' favorite outdoor meet was the Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa).

"My best outdoor meet was the Drake Relays just because it gets so exciting, and I'm from Iowa so it's really nice to go back and compete there, and we always run really good," Jones said. "It's kind of an opportunity to do team things because it's mostly just relays, so it's one of the ones that stands out in my mind."

Several performers proved their value to the team during the season.

"Of the throwers, Danielle [Grimes] did really well," Bechen said. "She didn't perform as well at Conference as expected, but she improved greatly and she just really stands out for the throwers."

Winkler, Jones, Hoskins, Jessen and senior Leah Zidon proved their worth with outstanding performances throughout the season. Winkler received five MIAA Athlete of the Week awards, and Winkler, Jones, Hoskins, Jessen, White, Robertson and sophomore Abbie Smith received indoor All-Conference honors. Eleven team members received outdoor All-Conference honors.



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# Ahead of the Rest

## Tracksters' talent shines through during MIAA season

By LIZ FERGUS

STAFF WRITER

The Truman State University men's track team saw a successful 2003-2004 season, showcasing the talents of a few particularly strong runners, one of whom was senior distance runner Alan Heinicker.

"Heinicker has been running really well," said sophomore distance runner Kurtis Werner. "He's our best runner."

Heinicker came away from both the indoor and outdoor seasons with several top-three finishes. He finished first in the 5,000-meter run both at the Washington University Invitational (St. Louis) and the Truman Open. Heinicker was also named MIAA Athlete of the Week twice during the indoor season. Werner placed ninth at the Truman Open and set a personal record at the Wash U Invitational, the second and third meets of the outdoor season. He finished the 1,500-meter run in 4:14.32, which gave him 18th place. Junior distance runner Erik McFarlane set a personal record during the 1,500-meter run in the Truman Open, with a time of 4:19.24, and secured 11th place.

McFarlane noticed significant differences between the indoor and outdoor seasons.

"You don't have to deal with the elements in indoor track," McFarlane said. "The track is a lot smaller, [and] it makes it a tighter run."

The men placed well at the Iowa Indoor Open, with 15 members of the team placing in the top-10 spots.

The Nebraska Invitational only had three men place above 10th, as did the Iowa State Open (Ames) and the Mule Relays at Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg). The UNI Dome Open (Cedar Falls, Iowa) showed off the skills of junior Walter Washington and sophomores Richard Mayson, Josh Mayson and Eli Klimek, all of whom placed two or more times during the meet.

Head coach Ed Schneider said that the team had very good competition at the meets, especially the Nebraska Invitational and the UNI Dome Open. The men came in seventh out of eight teams at the MIAA Championships (Joplin, Mo.).

"We had to go out there and battle, basically ... [MIAA is] our only real

big meet in track," Werner said.

Schneider said that the track team had not done as well as they could have during the indoor season, part of which was due to several injuries on the team. At least four men were injured, but they began to recover in time for the outdoor season to begin.

"We probably didn't run or compete as well as we could have," Schneider said. "We hope to do better at the conference outdoor meet."

Some of the goals for the team over the year were to run hard and compete well in the meets, as well as to qualify for nationals. Unfortunately, no members of the team advanced in 2004.

"Basically, [we] run hard every meet and try to improve on individual efforts," Werner said. "Just kind of go out there and run and see what we can do. It was always our goal for every meet."

**"You don't have to deal with elements in indoor track. The track is a lot smaller, [and] it makes it a tighter run."**

-junior Erik McFarlane



FRONT ROW: Steve Porath, Walter Washington, Dan Zwilling, Trey Robinson, Shane Praiswater, Kurtis Werner, Aaron Wells. SECOND ROW: Brian McQueary-student assistant coach, Eli Kimek, Kyle Torre, Dan Nichols, Eric Wittrock, Chris Elledge, Jason Simpson, Ed Schneider-head coach. BACK ROW: James Walton, Blake Oelze, Peter Schaefer, Alan Heinicker, Adam Howell, Richard Mayson.



LEFT: Freshman distance runner Eric Wittrock leaps over a hurdle during a meet. Wittrock placed third in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Truman Open.

BELOW: Freshman distance runner Eli Klimek races toward the finish line during a home meet. Klimek finished 4th at the Truman Open in the men's 5,000-meter run.



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ABOVE: Freshman Kurtis Werner and Sophomore Erik McFarlane run in a home meet. Werner finished 9th and McFarlane finished 11th at the event for the men's 1,500-meter run.

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## -SCOREBOARD-

### Indoor Track & Field

Iowa Indoor Open (Iowa City)	NTR
Nebraska Invitational (Lincoln)	NTR
Iowa State Open (Ames)	NTR
Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)	NTR
University of Northern Iowa Dome Open (Cedar Falls)	NTR
MIAA Championships (Joplin, Mo.)	7th of 8 teams

### Outdoor Track & Field

Augustana Spring Opener (Rock Island, Ill.)	2nd of 7 teams
Truman Open (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR
Washington University Invitational (St. Louis)	NTR
Division II Challenge (Emporia, Kan.)	19th of 19 teams
Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.)	NTR
Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)	NTR
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Twilight Open	NTR
Western Illinois Invitational (Macomb)	NTR
MIAA Decathalon Competition (Kirksville, Mo.)	NTR
MIAA Championships (Maryville, Mo.)	7th of 8 teams
Emporia State University Twilight (Kan.)	NTR

\*NTR-No Team Results

# Raising the bar

## Olympic, power lifting club takes on competitors

BY JESSICA LOWE

SPORTS EDITOR

The Iron Dogs Power and Olympic Weightlifting Team started three years ago by two determined freshmen.

Seniors Zac Cooper and Zach Schluender were those freshmen in 2001, and their determination and love of weightlifting created a thriving organization at Truman State University and a respected opponent to its competitors.

"Our goal for the last three years has just been to help educate and create a club and organization where members can continue to learn about power lifting and Olympic weightlifting and learn about the sport," Cooper said. "We want to provide an opportunity to share camaraderie while participating in these sports, as well as the opportunity to compete in these sports against other colleges across the U.S."

Each year, the Iron Dogs hosted the John Ware

Classic. 2004 was no different. Cooper said the event was a success.

The Third Annual John Ware Classic had competitors come from out of state to compete in the April 3 event at Pershing Arena on the University's campus.

"It was a great opportunity for those people who came to showcase their abilities and talents and particularly gave the Iron Dogs a chance to showcase and prove all of their hardwork that they have been working on for the entire year," Cooper said.

The John Ware Classic was not the only venue where the Iron Dogs flexed their muscle. Team members also competed in the Double Deuce Open on Nov. 1, 2003.

President of the Iron Dogs, senior Ryan Stewart, placed second in his division at the 2004 Collegiates/23 and Under Championships on April 17-18, 2004, in Bloomington, Ind. Schluender also placed second in his division at the championships.

The men of the Iron Dogs were not the only ones who represented the University. Sophomore Elizabeth Swartz placed first in her division.

"[The women] have definitely proven their worth," Cooper said. "They are not only fierce in the sport, but also in preparation for all our competitions and executive board."

Senior Erica Lippert was a member of the Iron Dogs for part of the 2003-2004 school year. Lippert said she joined because she was an exercise science major and enjoyed the fitness aspect the team offered her. She said the women of the Iron Dogs competed the same as all the men of the team.

"It is not any different except for the weight class," Lippert said. "And the obvious differences in the female and male body types."

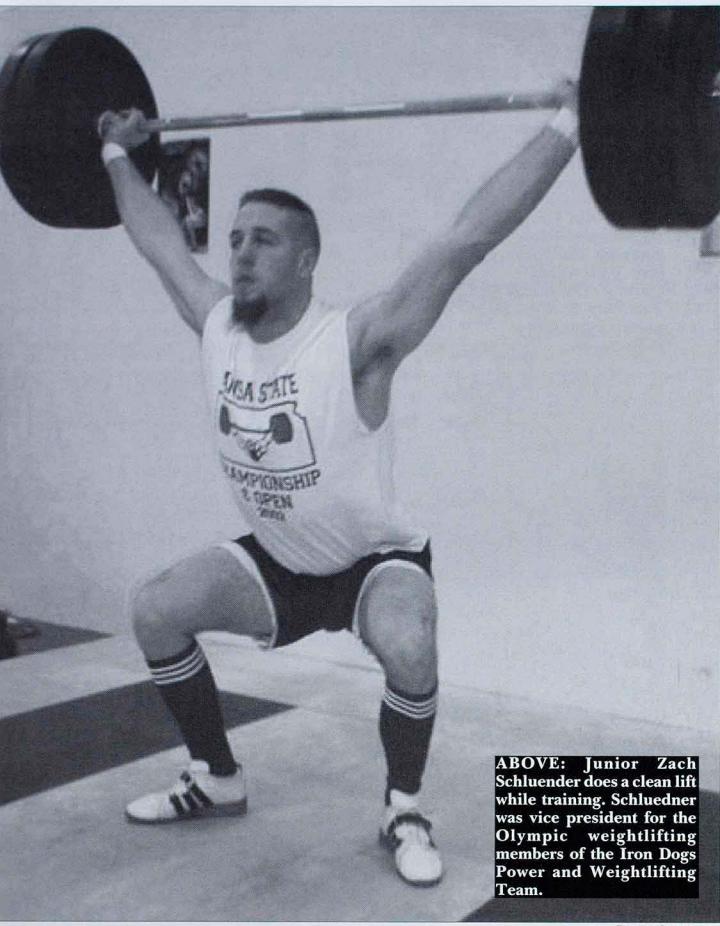
Despite genetic differences, all the Iron Dogs were involved with the sport because of their drive and passion for weightlifting.

"My favorite part is how passionate everybody is about it and how much of a team they are," Lippert said. "They are really



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ABOVE: Senior Ryan Stewart chalks his hands before lifting at the 2004 National Collegiates/23 and Under Weightlifting Championships in Bloomington, Ind., on April 18, 2004. Stewart was president of the Iron Dogs Power and Olympic Weightlifting Team.



**ABOVE:** Junior Zach Schluender does a clean lift while training. Schluender was vice president for the Olympic weightlifting members of the Iron Dogs Power and Weightlifting Team.

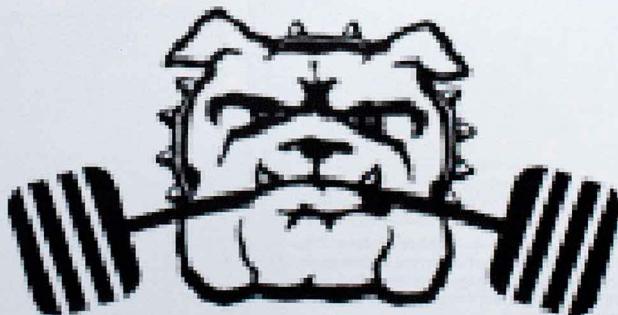
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supportive, open minded and laid back."

Cooper agreed that members were passionate about their hobby. He said members lifted for one to two hours a day, five days a week and worked as hard as most of the varsity sports' athletes at the University.

"Much like rugby and lacrosse and ultimate Frisbee team, the Truman State Iron Dogs exist as a non-NCAA sanctioned sport, but the individuals that participate in these sports, Iron Dogs included, really work as hard as those individuals who participate in the varsity sports at Truman," Cooper said. "Although we don't always get the recognition that we deserve, we add something special to the campus."



## —SCOREBOARD—

Merrimack College (North Andover, Mass.)	6/7
Southwest Minnesota State University (Marshall)	12/13
South Dakota State University (Brookings)	3/12
Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester)	6/14
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	6/11-1/5
Bloomsburg University (Penn.)	0/1-0/2
Emporia State University (Kan.)	1/5-6/11
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	1/6-9/6
Emporia State University	6/1-6/9
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	4/5-0/2
Quincy University (Ill.)	1/21
Washburn University	3/8-5/1
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	3/6-11/3
Pittsburg State University	3/5
Central Methodist College (Fayette, Mo.)	6/7-4/7
Iowa Wesleyan College	2/5-4/6
(Mount Pleasant, Iowa)	
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	4/8-0/10
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	6/2
Southwest Baptist University	8/5-6/5
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	3/13-1/15
Northwest Missouri State University	5/12/4
University of Missouri-Rolla	2/11
University of Missouri-Rolla	3/11-9/10
Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa)	4/8-2/6
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	5/2-0/6
Missouri Western State College	6/5-2/3

**RIGHT:** Freshman shortstop Travis Freeman takes a lead from first base while Quincy University's (Ill.) Hawks Jamie Simmons watches for a pitch. The 'Dogs lost 1-21 against Quincy. The team won only 9 of 44 games during the 2004 season.



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**ABOVE:** Sophomore catcher Andrew Pitts takes control behind the plate during a game against Central Methodist College (Fayette, Mo.) on April 8, 2004. The men lost two games, 6-7 and 4-7, during a double-header.

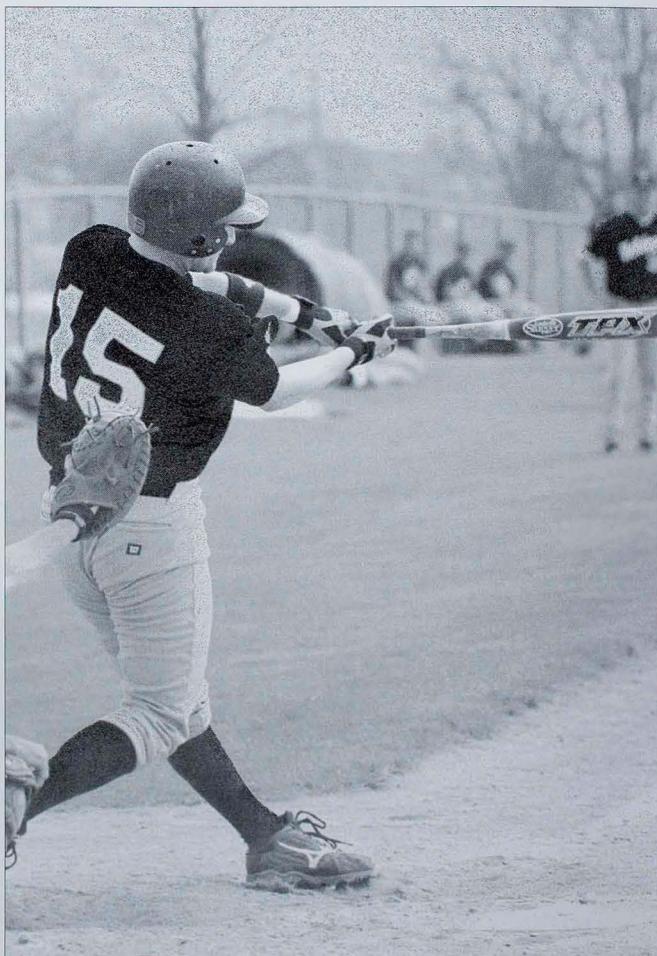


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**ABOVE:** Sophomore catcher Mike Arway takes a swing during a match against Central Methodist College (Fayette, Mo.). Junior pitcher Coley Lewis and senior center fielder Brad Miller received second team academic All-district honors in May 2004.

# Pitching it out

## 'Dogs face tough opponents, have losing season

BY BRANDI MOELLER

PEOPLE EDITOR

**I**t was a tie ball game in the bottom of the ninth against Pittsburgh State University (Kan.), and sophomore Josh Rubin made a throw from the outfield as the base runner headed for home. Sophomore catcher Mike Arway made the catch and flipped it to sophomore pitcher Dan Hillen at home plate for the out. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs continued into 10 innings and lost to Pittsburgh State. However, the effort and dedication demonstrated in that play continued throughout the season. The team finished with a 10-36 overall mark.

"Our effort is there, and we're working hard," head coach Lawrence Scully said. "It's just doing it every time out. We need more consistency. The consistency is the difference between a team that's below 500 and a team that's successful."

Many of the team's games ended with a margin of one, two or three runs.

"We struggle with getting hits when runners are on base," sophomore second baseman Adam Davis said. "We've been playing a lot of close games, and if we could have driven in a couple more guys, we would have won."

The goal for the season was to perform better in conference play than in the previous seasons. They accomplished this goal and finished with a 10-20 conference record, the second-best in school history.

"We're playing pretty well in most of the conference games we've had," senior center fielder Brad Miller said. "We just seem to get close and not win."

The team struggled finishing games with wins.



FRONT ROW: Matt Kupferle, Adam Davis, Andy Vandepopulier, John Sheehan, Pat Wilmes, Brad Miller, Jamie Wolf, Ben Burkemper, Zach Cox. SECOND ROW: Matt Maxfield, Brian James, Coley Lewis, Josh Rubin, Tony Jenkins, Jacob Scheer, Travis Freeman, Brant Kraner, Andrew Pitts. BACK ROW: David Pifkulic—student trainer, Colin Spillenrothen, Scott Caines, Jon Peckron, Patrick Hardin, Denny Foster, Mike Arway, Dan Hillen, Tom Kammerer, Ryan Pias, Lawrence Scully—head coach.

ABOVE: PHOTO BY DANIELLE STACY  
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# Winning streak

## Team barrels through regular season straight to title

BY CHELSEY ILTEN

FEATURES EDITOR

The softball team struck it big during the 2004 season with a record of 44 and 12. High levels of ability, combined with mental determination, provided what it took to make the season a successful one.

The team took its season match-ups one game at a time, trying to reach the physical and mental goals outlined at the beginning of the season. These included going undefeated at home, acquiring 40 wins, being up and energetic for every game, and the ultimate goal — nationals. The women set their sights on their goal, believed they could make it and succeeded.

"Player for player, we are one of the most talented teams in the country," head coach Lacey Schanz said. "We have five seniors that I wouldn't trade for anybody that we've played against."

The team went one step at a time along the trail it followed to achieve success.

"We just need to keep getting better. We started off really well, and now we need to keep building on that and not settle for what we've done," junior third baseman Amanda Holland said. "We need to keep getting better every game, every week."

The team worked on conditioning, lifted weights and had practices in the fall to prepare. Team members also worked on their own over the summer and during winter break, many playing in slow-pitch softball leagues. Schanz said that halfway through the season, practices often begin to get repetitive, but she worked to prevent that from happening by having each team member write down three things they wanted to work on at practice before the next game. This individualized approach allowed for each player to have input and continue to work on the skills they thought needed the most improvement.

These individuals found their leadership in the coaching staff and from the seniors. No team captains had been voted on for the season because they were seen as unnecessary to the tight-knit team.

"Everyone's their own leader and own captain in a way," senior first baseman Leann Paul said. "We all help each other out."

The closeness of the team and outstanding ability of all of the members was a large part of the team's ability to win.

"The whole team stands out together," senior shortstop Elizabeth Economou said. "Everybody together makes the winning possible."

Certain individuals, however, did end up standing



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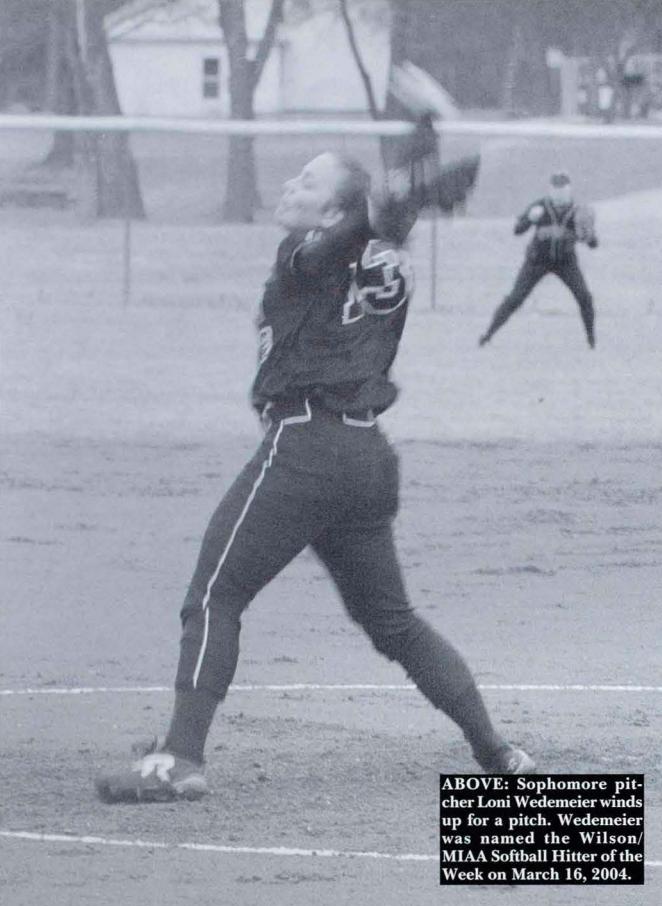
ABOVE: The Bulldogs played in a double-header against Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) on April 22, 2004. The team beat Northwest in both games, 6-0 and 2-1.

out while remaining team players. Eight players were named to the All-MIAA team with Economou, sophomore Loni Wedemeier and junior Stephanie Cepicky being named to the first-team.

As a team, it set records in runs, hits, homeruns, total bases, RBIs, total games won, batting average and slugging percentage. This combined got the team its second-straight MIAA regular season title and a No.1 seed in the MIAA postseason tournament. It also earned an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament with a No.3 seed. This was the 'Dogs' sixth straight appearance. They lost to St. Cloud State University (Minn.), but the loss to Emporia State (Kan.) eliminated them from the tournament.

The team performed well throughout the season, and Schanz said that if the team had a weakness, it was only mental. The players knew how good they were, and if they did not perform perfectly, it would sometimes throw them off. Schanz did not believe a physical weakness existed.

"We hit, we run, we field, we pitch," Schanz said. "That's what it takes."



ABOVE: Sophomore pitcher Loni Wedemeier winds up for a pitch. Wedemeier was named the Wilson/MIAA Softball Hitter of the Week on March 16, 2004.

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FRONT ROW: Holly Kessler, Courtney Strubel, Kelly Walsma, Janet Bembnister, Nikki Mayer, Gina Walsh. SECOND ROW: Katy Mueller, Krystl Brown, Leann Paul, Breanna Wonderly, Stephanie Cepicky, Elizabeth Economou, Cubby Swift-student trainer. BACK ROW: Lacey Schanz-head coach, Loni Wedemeier, Natalie Soltsy, Amanda Holland, Suzanne Mucahy, Hailey Lawyer, Shelby Ortwerth-student assistant coach.

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## -SCOREBOARD-

Delta State University (Cleveland, Miss.)	6/5
University of Central Arkansas (Conway)	4/3
Christian Brothers University (South Memphis, Tenn.)	4/1
Ouchita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, Ark.)	11/0
Henderson State University	3/4
Columbia College (Mo.)	2/4- 5/4
East Stroudsburg University (Penn.)	8/0
West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon)	13/2
Ferris State University (Big Rapids, Mich.)	8/1
Bloomfield College (N.J.)	12/0
Kutztown University (Penn.)	4/2
South Dakota State University (Brookings)	5/3
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	1/0
Southern New Hampshire University (Manchester)	5/1
University of Indianapolis (Ind.)	1/0
Merrimack College (North Andover, Mass.)	7/1
South Dakota State University	11/2
Minnesota State University-Mankato	6/5
South Dakota State University	3/0
Wayne State College (Neb.)	5/2
Concordia University-St. Paul (Minn.)	2/0
University of South Dakota (Vermillion)	7/1
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	2/1-0/3
Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.)	4/3-4/3
University of Missouri-Rolla	1/2-2/3
Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.)	2/0-5/0
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	10/5-8/0
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	9/1-5/0
Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph)	1/0-1/0
University of Missouri-St. Louis	9/1-8/2
Emporia State University	0/2-7/6
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	2/0-11/3
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	6/0-2/1
South Dakota State University	9/1
St. Cloud State University (Minn.)	2/1
Minnesota State University-Mankato	9/5
University of Nebraska-Omaha	1/4
Augustana College (Sioux Falls)	
MIAA Tournament	0/5
Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.)	6/5
Central Missouri State University	2/4
Pittsburg State University (Kan.)	6/7
Concordia University-St. Paul (Minn.)	1/0
St. Cloud State University	3/5
Emporia State	0/4

# Athletes honored

## Hall of Fame gives athletes rightful place in history

By MELISSA DONDLINGER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Although the Truman State University Athletics Hall of Fame did not have a physical location, it still played an important role in recognizing former Bulldog athletes.

Ed Schneider, men's cross country and track head coach, was one of the 192 members of the hall.

"I felt very honored to be accepted among those other members ... I always looked up to those individuals," Schneider said. "To be considered in that group — that was a real honor."

Schneider was a cross-country and track athlete at the University in the early 1960s. He received several All-American honors and won the NCAA College Division individual cross-country championship in 1964, according to the Athletics Hall of Fame Web site.

Schneider more than met the requirements for induction into the hall, which Melissa Ware, director of athletics media relations, said could include being All-American, All-Conference or placing in the national championships. She said the nominee also had to have earned this eligibility at least 10 years prior to induction.

Not only had Schneider received the honor of being inducted into the hall, but he also had the privilege to serve on the Hall of Fame selection committee for about 10 years.

"It's been a real honor to be on the board," Schneider said. "It's been a real fine experience working with former hall of fame athletes."

Schneider said selecting inductees was often a difficult process. After the board solicited nominations from former University athletes, it had to review all the submissions and choose a maximum of five people. He said comparing such varying sports as track and football, along with their various methods of measuring achievement, could make the decision difficult.

In celebration of the new inductees, the athletics department hosted a ceremony and banquet in their honor each year, Ware said.

Schneider said the induction ceremonies he had attended had been meaningful to him, and it was not uncommon for inductees to get emotional when they were inducted.

"I always come away feeling a little more excited and enthusiastic about the athletics program and how it's affected [athletes'] lives since graduation — and how much appreciation they have for the University, their teachers and their coaches," Schneider said.

The ceremony in 2003 was equally memorable but was handled a little differently, Ware said.

"For the first time ever this year ... we held it in conjunction with homecoming and combined it with the alumni friends celebration banquet," Ware said. "It worked out really well, and all the inductees really liked it. They were in the parade and were really involved in the homecoming activities."

Ware said that the 2003 celebration banquet was so successful that they would continue to combine it with homecoming activities.

The 2003 induction class included Don Allbritton, Bob Atherton, Bill Bowles, Eric Holm and Stacey Schroeder. Ware said the number of women inducted in the hall was increasing, but still low, because women's sports were not introduced to the University until 1972. The first woman to be inducted was Carol Enfield in 1992.

Schneider said he was excited to see current outstanding female athletes inducted into the hall of fame in following years. He said he expected several female inductees from sports such as swimming and softball, which had been excelling in recent years.

Schneider said he would like to see these people honored in an actual Hall of Fame display on campus, although lack of space and funding made that difficult.

The University only recognized Hall of Fame members on the University athletics Web page because of space limitations.

Sara Hatcher was on the women's swim team from 1999-2003 and was a likely candidate to be inducted into the hall of fame. She said it would mean a lot to her to be an inductee.

"It would be an honor," Hatcher said. "Most athletes don't do it for the recognition, so I just feel like any recognition is a plus."

Hatcher said it would be nice to have a physical location so more people would know more about it.

"It seems like more people look online for that kind of stuff than walk around campus," Hatcher said. "But it would be nice to have at least a list of people or something."

Whether inductees had their names on a wall or not, they would be able to carry the honor of being a permanent member of the University Hall of Fame for the rest of their lives.

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Celebrities and political officials alike stood out during the 2003-2004 year. From news spots crowded with the latest on Martha Stewart and Michael Jackson to the daily derogatory announcements sponsored by presidential candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry, their presence in the American world would not go unnoticed.

The same was true for the still ongoing war in Iraq. The American people lived to tune in and view the drama, to debate the issues brought up in political attacks, and to state their case on whether Bush had the right to remain at war.

National news impacted students' daily lives. The breaking stories would never be forgotten, whether experienced first-hand or read in the weekly paper. Instead, through these pages, the events would remain amplified.





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# Mini Mag

# Iraq War aftermath rages, claims lives

BY CHELSEY ILTEN

FEATURES EDITOR

**U**S. military occupation in Iraq continued in 2003-2004 despite attacks on forces and the lack of evidence of any weapons of mass destruction.

June 30, 2004, marked the hand-over of power back to the Iraqi people, but a great debate ensued over the election process. The U.S.-led coalition in Iraq bowed to Shia Muslim pressure to hold direct elections during summer 2004 prior to the hand-over. The United States previously believed they had insufficient time to organize the election, and that it should have been postponed until the following year.

While soldiers worked to keep political peace in Iraq and rebuild, attacks on forces continued. A huge C-5 plane carrying 63 people barely made it back to Baghdad in January after one of its engines exploded. Additionally, a DHL cargo plane was struck in November and a C-17 transport plane in December were both struck by missiles. These serious attacks were added to multiple helicopter accidents that occurred from ground attacks.

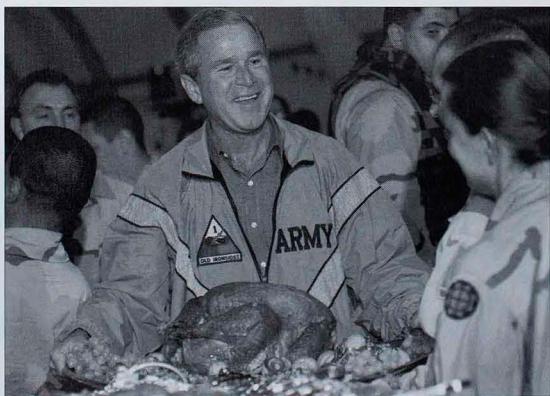
A special bomb task force was implemented to help

lessen the number and severity of attacks. It produced detection equipment that could jam radio frequencies used to remotely detonate the improvised explosive devices frequently used in attacks. The team also examined forensic evidence after attacks to learn more about how the bombs were put together.

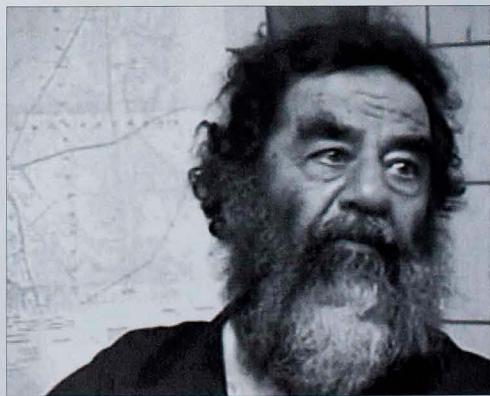
Besides a threat from enemy forces still in Iraq, U.S. soldiers also had to deal with former Iraqi conscripts from Saddam Hussein's army. The U.S. administration had disbanded the country's army in May 2003, leaving 440,000 conscripts unemployed. The Coalition Provisional Authority had promised these soldiers a one-time \$40 payment, though 120,000 were not paid by the deadline, causing the soldiers to protest in October.

Keeping the peace was only half of the soldiers mission while in Iraq, however. A search for weapons of mass destruction was also taking place, though U.S. weapons inspectors failed to find any.

President George W. Bush continued to defend his decision to go to war and remain in Iraq despite statements from the former chief weapons inspector David Kay that said he had concluded Iraq had no such weapons.



ABOVE: President Bush holds up a turkey platter for U.S. troops at Baghdad International Airport on Thanksgiving. Bush made a surprise visit to the Airport.



ABOVE: Allies capture former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein on Dec. 14, 2003, eight months after the fall of Baghdad.



ABOVE: U.S. Army Spc. Charlie Wesley of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment looks at a line of 15 rifles and helmets remembering the 15 soldiers killed Nov. 3, 2003. The soldiers' helicopter went down in Fallujah, Iraq.

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# Allies discover Saddam, sons

BY LORETTA PALMER  
STAFF WRITER

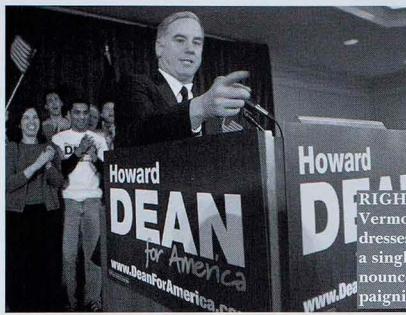
For nearly 24 years Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq and eluded United States officials. All aspects of Iraq revolved around the dictation of Hussein and his followers, including his sons Uday and Qusay Hussein. President George W. Bush's administration focused on bringing freedom to the Iraqis by overthrowing the Hussein government.

The first cornerstone of this project was accomplished when Uday and Qusay were killed on July 22, 2003, in Mosul. U.S. commanders received information on the location of Uday and Qusay from an Iraqi informant the previous night. When U.S. soldiers attempted to detain them, they resisted and a gunfight resulted, killing them both. The brothers had

power in the country, and Qusay was said to be the successor to Saddam.

With Saddam still in power and weapons of mass destruction possibly in Iraq, the coalition forces focused on his capture. The First Brigade Combat team of the Fourth Infantry Division captured Saddam on Dec. 13, 2003. He was found in a narrow, dark hole beneath a two-room mud shack on a sheep farm in the city of Adwar. Saddam was alone and offered no resistance. The capture was based on intelligence gathered from the interrogation of Saddam's former bodyguards and family members. Two AK 47 rifles and \$750,000 were found in the hole. DNA tests confirmed the identity of Saddam.

Saddam entered into the custody of the U.S. government. He faced trial in an Iraqi court for crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide.



LEFT: Democratic candidate, U.S. Sen. John Edwards, meets with reporters on his chartered plane March 2, 2004, as he departs Atlanta, Ga. Edwards was flying to his home in Raleigh, N.C.



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# Schwartzenegger wins California

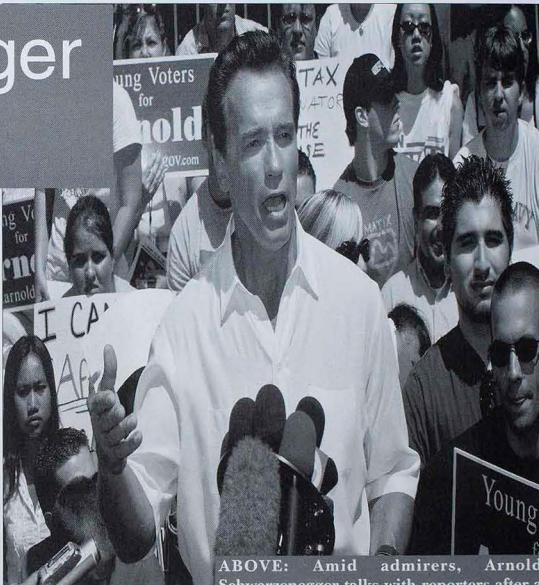
BY JENNA KEEVEN  
STAFF WRITER

Oct. 7, 2003, California voters went to the polls to vote on whether Governor Gray Davis should be recalled.

The Republicans pushed for the recall because the economy was weak with a \$38 billion budget deficit since Davis had been in office. Citizens believed that Davis hid the truth about the problem of the state during his re-election campaign. On the recall ballot, other candidates were listed that, if recalled from office, would take Davis's place and finish out his remaining 3 years as governor of California.

The top-five candidates running against Davis debated Sept. 3 and included: Independent Arianna Huffington, Democratic Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamonte, Green Party candidate Peter Camejo, and Republicans Tom McClintock, also a state senator, and Peter Ueberroth, who was a former baseball commissioner. Bustamonte opposed the recall, but decided to run for governor in case Davis was recalled. He stated that he was not running against Davis. Not present at the debate was famous actor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, also a Republican. However, Schwarzenegger appeared at a debate Sept. 24 and had appeared earlier at a rally in Long Beach, Calif. A total of 135 candidates ran for governor and all names appeared on the Oct. 7 recall ballot.

In the end, Schwarzenegger won with a 54-48 percentage vote. Davis became the second governor in United States history to be recalled from office. The other governor was North Dakota Governor Lynn J.



ABOVE: Amid admirers, Arnold Schwarzenegger talks with reporters after a speech. Schwarzenegger took his campaign for governor of California to California State University (Long Beach) on Sept. 3, 2003.

Frazier in 1921. By electing Schwarzenegger as governor of California, it caused the nation's four most populous states (California, Florida, New York and Texas) to all have Republican governors.

Schwarzenegger formed a 10-step plan called "Let's Bring California Back: 100-Day Agenda to Turn California Around." It included steps such as repealing Davis' tripling of car tax, launching an audit of the state budget, and submitting a 2004-2005 budget that would close the deficit and restructure the inherited debt.

Schwarzenegger assumed office Nov. 17, 2003. The famous "Terminator" actor became the 38th governor of California.

# Campaigns take hold

Iowa Caucus—January 19, 2004

New Hampshire Primary—January 27, 2004

Missouri Primary—February 3, 2004

“Super Tuesday” Primaries—March 2, 2004

Kansas Caucus—March 13, 2004

Illinois Primary—March 16, 2004

January 2004

February 2004

March 2004

## Presidential race continues

BY LORETTA PALMER

STAFF WRITER

A plethora of Democratic candidates started the presidential race. However, after all the primaries were finished, one remained to take on republican candidate George W. Bush in the 2004 presidential election.

Democrats Wesley Clark, Howard Dean, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, Bob Graham, Dennis Kucinich, Joseph Lieberman, Al Sharpton, Carol Moseley Braun and John Kerry all entered the race. Graham and Braun both dropped out of the race before primaries began. Jan. 19, Kerry finished ahead of Edwards and Dean in the Iowa primary. Gephardt finished a distant fourth and ended his race for the White House the next day. Kerry then went on to win primaries in New Hampshire, Arizona, Delaware, Missouri, New Mexico and North Dakota, while Clark took Oklahoma, and Edwards won South Carolina. After poor showings in all of these states, Lieberman dropped out, followed by Clark on Feb. 11 and Dean on Feb. 18. Super Tuesday, March 2, was a banner day for Kerry when he won nine out of the 10 available states. Edwards left the race a day afterward, followed by Sharpton on March 15. By the second week in March, Kucinich had only 23 delegates, leaving Kerry as the obvious Democratic nominee with 2,162

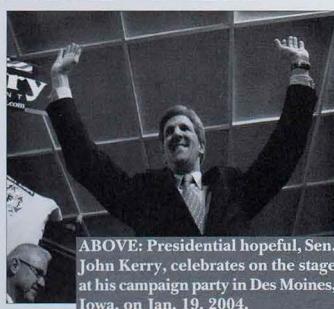
delegates.

Bush supported a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and opposed gay adoption and hate crime legislation. Bush pushed to increase military spending by 4.2 percent. He called for reducing prescription drug costs for low-income patients and adding drug benefits to Medicare. Bush also supported the following: opening refuge for gas and oil exploration, the Patriot Act, the war on terrorism, and the death penalty. Bush planned to reduce the deficit by holding spending increases to 4 percent and signed two tax cut bills during his first term in office.

Kerry was against same-sex marriage, but backed benefits for same-sex couples and supported adoption by same-sex couples. Kerry wanted to expand federal hate-crime legislation, increase the size of the army, was opposed to oil exploration in Arctic refuge, supported patients suing HMOs, backed letting the Patriot Act expire without congressional approval, supported abortion and opposed the death penalty. Kerry also supported the war on terrorism, but he believed Bush misled the nation concerning weapons of mass destruction.



ABOVE: President Bush smiles as the audience aplauses during his State of the Union Speech on Jan. 20, 2004, in Washington, D.C.



ABOVE: Presidential hopeful, Sen. John Kerry, celebrates on the stage at his campaign party in Des Moines, Iowa, on Jan. 19, 2004.

# Scott Peterson trial continues

## Laci Petterson murderer still unknown

BY KATIE KELLY

STAFF WRITER

Twenty-seven-year-old Laci Peterson disappeared from her home in Modesto, Calif. on Dec. 24, 2002. She was eight-months pregnant with a son that she and her husband Scott had decided to name Connor.

Scott said that he had gone fishing early Christmas Eve morning, and Laci was missing when he returned that day. Scott said Laci told him that she planned to take the dog for a walk. A neighbor recalled seeing the dog running around and dragging its leash.

On the night Scott discovered that Laci was missing, he went to a house across the street and asked the neighbors if they had seen Laci. He told them he had been golfing all day and had just returned, which was contrary to what Scott told the police. A search effort began immediately following the reported disappearance, and Scott's car and boat were impounded for investigation.

Within weeks, Scott became a subject of suspicion but was never classified as a suspect. After focus turned to Scott, Amber Frey, Scott's mistress, came forward and reported that she and Scott had been having an affair within the weeks before Laci's disappearance.

In the days of April 13-14, 2003, two bodies were found washed-up on shore of the San Francisco Bay in a town 80 miles northwest of the Peterson's home.

The first body was that of a full-term baby boy and the second was an adult female. They were found about a mile away from each other and two miles from the marina that Scott said he had been fishing from during the day of Laci's disappearance.

After serious examination and DNA tests,

investigators confirmed the bodies to be Laci's and her son's. Later that day, Scott was arrested.

Scott Peterson, who pled not guilty, faced his trial in late 2004, where if convicted of the double homicide, he would most likely receive the death penalty.



ABOVE: Scott Peterson and defense attorney Kirk McAlister stand in court in Modesto, Calif., Oct. 24, 2003.

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ABOVE: A Spanish railway worker cleans up debris from a destroyed train at Madrid's Atocha railway station. Explosions rocked three stations in Spain's worst terrorist attack ever.

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ABOVE: Part of a crowd of tens of thousands of people fill the central Cibeles square and the main Gran Vía street in Madrid on March 22, 2004, to protest against the bomb attacks on trains in Madrid.

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# Spain gains new prime minister

BY PEGGY AMOR

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On March 11, 2004, a commuter train was bombed in Madrid, killing over 200 and injuring 1,500 others. This happened just days before Spain conducted its general election, including the office of prime minister.

The attack was called the worst terrorist attack since the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on U.S. soil. The train was struck with 10 bombs during the morning rush hour.

An Al-Qaida military spokesperson released a statement claiming responsibility for the attack, citing the reason for the attack as punishment for Spain's involvement in the war in Iraq. Within a week, five men had been arrested, three Moroccans and two Indians, and one of the men was linked to a suspected al-Qaida leader in Spain.

Three days later, Jose-Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, leader of the Socialist Workers Party won. The election was an upset that many analysts contributed solely to Al-Qaida.

Much of Spain's population protested against entering the war on terror in Iraq without backing from the United Nations, but Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar still sent troops to support the U.S.-led effort.

Much of Zapatero's campaign focused on bringing home the troops and working to protect Spain from terrorist threats, which many feared would occur if they supported the war. The attack just days before the election fulfilled many Spaniards' fears.

Early polls had shown the Popular Party staying in power, but after the attack, the election went to the socialists. The election brought a 76 percent turnout to the polls. The 2001 presidential election in the United States had only 51 percent of eligible voters vote.

RIGHT: A crowd marches during a peace protest in Barcelona, Spain, on March 12, 2004.

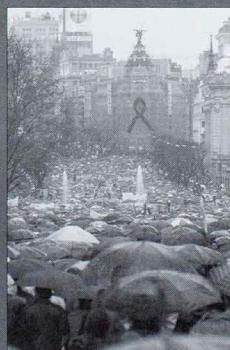


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# Millions left in dark

## Mass power-outages plague Northeast

By EMILY RANDALL

STAFF WRITER

A massive power outage struck the northeastern United States at 4:10 p.m., just as the afternoon rush was beginning August 14, 2003. Millions of people in cities including New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Toronto and Ottawa remained without electricity.

The fault was suspected to be a technological mishap in New York power plant Con Edison.

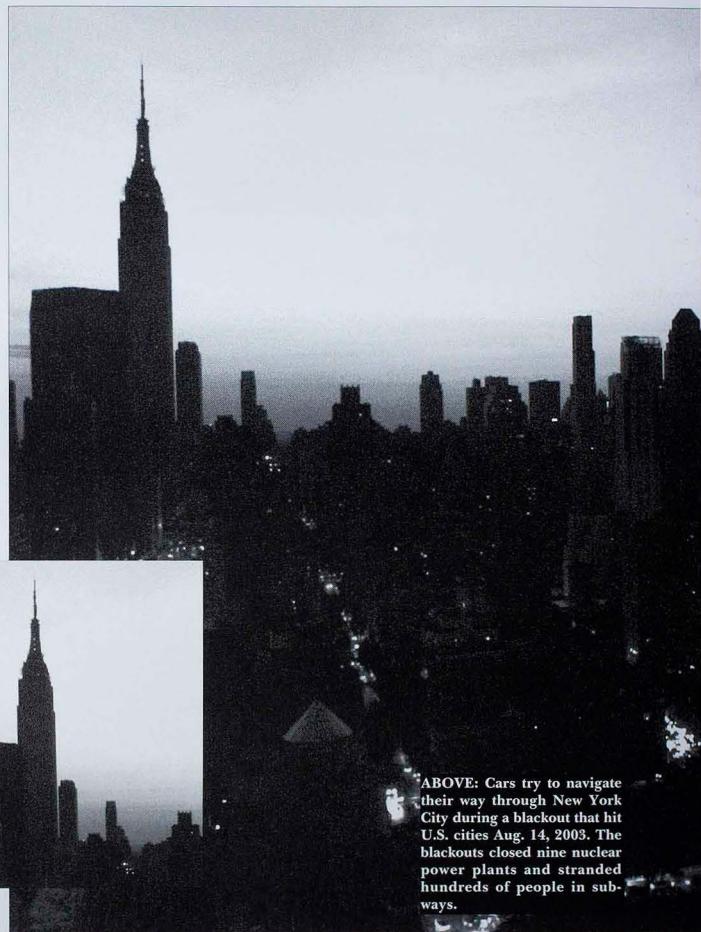
Effects of the outage included stopped trains and thousands of people trapped in subways and elevators for hours. Traffic stalled due to traffic lights without power. The water supply, which was distributed through electric pumps, also stopped in places. Airports experienced delays, the Internet slowed, and the New York Stock Exchange shut down temporarily.

People covered the New York City streets, where thousands of commuters made their way to ferries on foot, trying to get home. Witnesses said it was like a mass exodus out of the city.

While panic, looting and violence had been issues in previous blackouts, many noted the way people remained calm and helpful, especially after hearing early reports that the incident was not terrorist-related. Traffic ran fairly smoothly with police and citizens alike aiding in directing it.

President George W. Bush noted that America was more organized on this day than ever before and responded well.

Michael Bloomberg, New York City mayor, reported that no criminal acts had occurred. He recommended that people stay in their homes with the windows open and drink plenty of water, which



ABOVE: Cars try to navigate their way through New York City during a blackout that hit U.S. cities Aug. 14, 2003. The blackouts closed nine nuclear power plants and stranded hundreds of people in subways.

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was not contaminated in any way. Life was basically back to normal by Saturday, three days later.

Considered remarkable for its size, the heat of the day and the levelheaded manner of those affected, the blackout was the first of its stature in nearly seven years.

As Bloomberg and others noted, the day would forever be remembered. Many asked the question, "Where were you when the lights went out?"

# Fires heat up California

BY KAREN SCHWARTZTRAUBER

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Wildfires blazed over California in October 2003, consuming homes and acres of land and claiming many lives.

The fires covered more than 500 square miles in all, about half the size of Rhode Island. The infernos followed a hot, dry summer and spread in large part due to the Santa Ana Winds. These winds were a phenomenon that carried dry, desert air to the west coast. Firefighters desperately tried to hold back the advance of blazes moving from hillsides into the fringes of suburbia. One wildfire grew to at least 10,000 acres in just six hours.

Conditions were far worse than what many would have expected. Some of the wind conditions and fire behavior patterns were unlike

anything experienced before. Many firefighters said that if it were not for the helicopters, the fires might have burned longer. With a water supply shortage on the ground, the helicopters were able to help extinguish the fires by dropping up to 2,000 gallons of water at a time from the air.

Residents of the fire-consumed towns had to evacuate their homes and find refuge in temporary shelters. Thousands remained homeless for months.

The fires consumed over 600,000 acres of southern California, destroyed more than 1,900 homes and claimed the lives of 16 people in the end.

BELOW: U.S. Forest Service firefighter Brian Theiler battles a cedar fire in Descanso, Calif. The fire was one of 10 that plagued southern California.



# NASA explores Mars

## Rovers search for signs of previous life

BY KAREN SCHWARTZTRAUBER

STAFF WRITER

NASA launched two new rovers in summer 2003, continuing the hope to find evidence of water on Mars.

The \$400 million crafts, Spirit and Opportunity, landed on Mars three weeks apart during January 2004. The two robot geologists spent the year testing rocks and soils looking for signs of whether the landing-site areas ever had environments suitable for sustaining life.

The robots were capable of movement similar to a human's with the help of their robotic arms with elbows and wrists. Each of the rovers were equipped with eight cameras

that provided stunning panoramas of the Martian surface.

The landings were fairly smooth, but the mission had its share of problems. Spirit began to malfunction not long after its landing. It ceased communicating with Earth other than to spew gibberish or beeps, acknowledging commands sent to it. NASA was, however, able to fix this problem. Engineers brought stability to the rover by disabling its flash memory, which is similar to the memory digital cameras use to store pictures.

This mission turned out to be significant in Mars exploration history.

BELOW: The Mars Exploration Rover Spirit shows a panoramic view of Mars from its navigation camera. The picture is from the left stereo camera, which NASA released Jan. 6, 2004.



# Jackson faces criminal charge

BY PEGGY AMOR

ADVERTISING/MARKETING MANAGER

**M**ichael Jackson found himself in the spotlight again in 2003 with the release of his "Number One's" album the same day he received child molestation allegations.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department began the investigation by searching Jackson's Neverland Ranch while he was filming a music video in Las Vegas.

Official charges were filed Dec. 29, 2003. They included phrases such as "lewd acts," "substantial sexual conduct" and "supplying intoxicating agents," all with a boy under age 14.

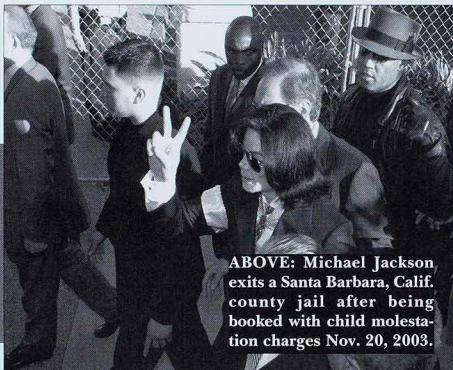
Initial reactions from many were that this was just another charge by people out to get money from Jackson. In 1993, a

similar case was brought and settled out of court for several million dollars. The settlement did not include Jackson's admission of guilt.

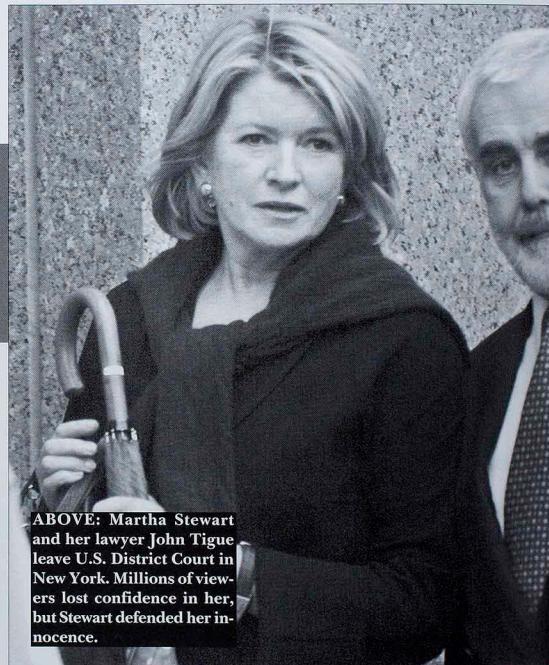
On Jan. 18, 2004, Jackson plead not guilty to seven felony counts in the Santa Barbara Superior Court. After entering his plea, Jackson was met outside the courthouse by throngs of fans supporting him. Many had traveled hundreds of miles to stand outside with picket signs proclaiming Jackson's innocence.

Jackson invited all his supporters to visit his home that afternoon.

Many loyal fans stood by Jackson, while others waited to see what the court ruled.



ABOVE: Michael Jackson exits a Santa Barbara, Calif. county jail after being booked with child molestation charges Nov. 20, 2003.



ABOVE: Martha Stewart and her lawyer John Tigue leave U.S. District Court in New York. Millions of viewers lost confidence in her, but Stewart defended her innocence.

## Stewart loses

BY CELSEY ILTEN

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**H**omemaking queen Martha Stewart was facing a recipe for disaster in 2004. Stewart was found guilty March 5, 2004, of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and two counts of making false statements.

Stewart was put on trial after she sold nearly 4,000 shares of ImClone stock on December 27, 2001, rather than trading the next day when the stock tumbled after the government rejected the biotech company's application for an experimental cancer drug. She avoided losing \$51,000 by making the early trade. Prosecutors said Stewart made the trade after she received a tip. Stewart said she made an arrangement to sell the stock when it dropped to \$60.

Stewart faced up to five years in prison and

\$250,000 in fines for each of her four counts. Experts said it was unlikely Stewart would serve more than one to two years of actual prison time. Her sentencing was scheduled for June 17.

Three days after the guilty verdict, Stewart resigned from her position as chief creative officer of the Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. board. Since Stewart had been tied to the ImClone trading scandal, her multimedia company saw stocks plummet 40 percent. Also after the ruling, Viacom dropped "Martha Stewart Living," her syndicated TV show.



LEFT: Jerry Brensinger, of the Panhandle Health District, in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, posts a message about flu vaccine availability. Avian influenza was confirmed in over 10 nations.

# Bird Flu strikes U.S. produce

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Another viral scare swept the world in 2003-2004 as flocks of poultry were destroyed in an attempt to stop the spread of avian influenza, more commonly known as the bird flu.

The disease occurred worldwide. Multiple strains existed and resulted in varying symptoms that went from minor to severe. The most deadly of the strains was considered "highly pathogenic" and could cause epidemics in flocks of birds that occurred quickly and with a high mortality rate. The birds that did survive continued to excrete the virus for 10 days, furthering the spread of the disease.

Live bird markets in Asia played a major role in the spread of the disease because of the contact between different types of birds that occurred. Poultry farmers in Asia were forced to kill tens of millions of birds that had possibly been exposed. Fears of an economic slump due to the disease and destruction of the birds were high, but analysts at global bank HSBC said only "modest losses" would result.

The disease also affected the United States. The European Union banned imports of U.S. poultry for one month after the flu was discovered in Texas. Parts of Asia also put a ban on U.S. poultry temporarily after cases were found in Delaware.

One of the main concerns about avian influenza was that it was in the family of type A influenza. These have the ability to mutate quickly and swap genetic materials to merge. The merging can result in highly lethal human pandemics. Individuals who lived near poultry and pigs were thought to be most

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## Bird Flu Timeline

\*December 15, 2003

South Korea confirms bird flu outbreak

\*January 23, 2004

Thailand confirms first human cases of bird flu

\*February 5, 2004

Delaware officials order the destruction of 12,000 chickens exposed to bird flu

\*February 6, 2004

U.N. health experts issue warnings about bird flu after officials reveal that the human death toll is 18

susceptible to the highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza. Pigs were good "mixing vessels" between humans and avian viruses because they were susceptible to both avian viruses and mammalian viruses. Asia reported at least 21 deaths due to the disease. The strain found in the United States had not been spread to humans.

Precautionary measures like vaccinations for humans who were at high risk, protective clothing and equipment for poultry workers, antiviral drugs and stopping the spread of the bird flu in poultry were taken. The occurrence of influenza pandemics, however, remained unpredictable.

Students at Truman State University went far and wide beyond University campus limits during the academic school year. They ventured into the Kirksville community and found such businesses as the local Wal-Mart and popular restaurants.

The memories students made at these local businesses were just as strong as memories created on campus, or perhaps even stronger.

Students would be able to reminisce about late nights on the square and even later nights at the open-for-24-hours-establishments. The advertisers in the pages beyond behold many memories of University students — memories that stand out among others. Without local support and services, the Echo would not be what it has become, and more importantly, students' lives would not have been nearly as entertaining and memorable.



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FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST-HIP-HOP/R&B: Aaliyah

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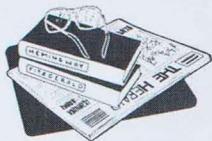
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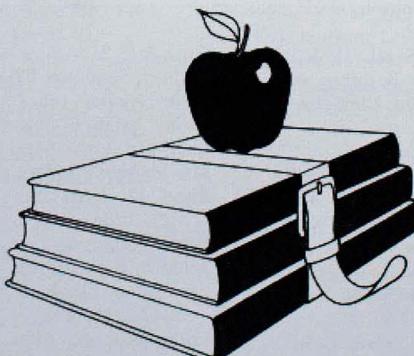


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9. "Are You Happy Now?" - Michelle Branch
8. "Intuition" - Jewel
7. "Beautiful" - Christina Aguilera
6. "Unwell" - Matchbox 20
5. "White Flag" - Dido
4. "Crazy in Love" - Beyoncé featuring Jay Z
3. "I'm With You" - Avril Lavigne
2. "Clocks" - Coldplay
1. "Bring Me to Life" - Evanescence

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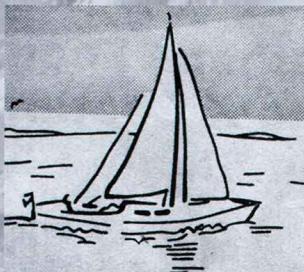
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# A closing thought for the Echo staff

BY BRANDI BROWN

EDITOR IN CHIEF

As we wrap up the 2003-2004 school year, I find myself thinking about the staff and everything we have accomplished. It seems that every edition brings new challenges, but looking back, we were able to keep our goals and most of our sanity.

To most students at Truman State University, the Echo is a history book, a souvenir or a public relations outlet. But for us, and especially me, the Echo is more than a scrap book or a 300-page media tool. It is more than long hours in the office, pressing deadlines, missing photos and impossible stories.

Instead, the Echo is about each and every person who contributed in some way and made the year that much more memorable. Looking past the hard work and endless spreads, I see the people who made it happen despite personal problems and academic responsibilities.

Thank you for every time you went to another weekly meeting or skipped precious studying time so you could write an elusive caption or make one last phone call. Thank you for hours you spent suffering in the

frigid office because the air remained on low or for the yearbooks you hauled across campus on a distribution day. This book is a product of your commitment.

I also want to thank each person for making the yearbook an enjoyable place to work. I will never forget the stories we told, the laughs we shared and the support we provided. Although our work was important, the game of Eliminate, the weekend gossip, the bantering in the office and the weekly meeting/food fest helped to create our experience.

I will also remember the summer conference we had in August and the trip to Dallas in November where I was finally able to ride a mechanical bull and meet a cowboy. Experiences like these are what I will remember most.

This year our theme is amplified, and I think it is especially relevant with the end of the book. I hope that some day you will be able to see more than just the pages. I hope you see the moments that made this book possible and the dedication that it took to get there. Thank you for the hard work, the friendships, and most of all, the memories.



ABOVE: Juniors Monica Kwiatek and Melissa Allen and senior Jessica Lowe smile during a night out in Dallas after a media convention. Staff members also visited The Grassy Knoll in Dallas, where John F. Kennedy was shot.



ABOVE: Seniors Chelsey Ilten, Johnny Vines, Brandi Brown and Marcie Manns discuss the yearbook process after a Tuesday night meeting. Editors had to write one story each semester, take one photograph and sell one advertisement.



**ABOVE:** The 2003-2004 Echo staff poses for a group picture after its annual banquet. Members ate a family-style meal at 1000 Hills Dining Lodge, received awards and played games during the banquet May 4.

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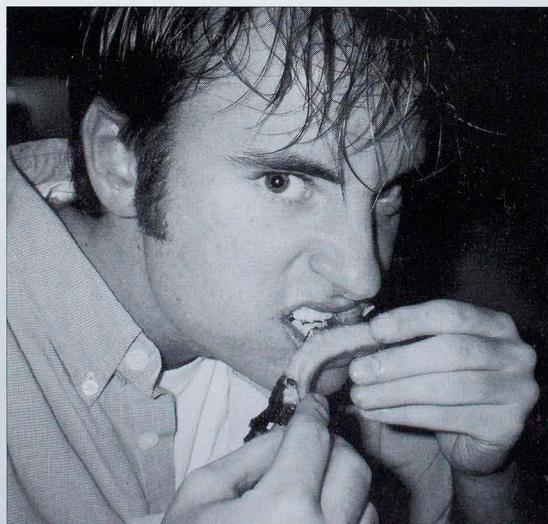
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RIGHT: Seven of the eight graduating seniors of the 2003-2004 editorial staff pose for a group picture. The seniors' majors included communications, English and French.

BELOW: Senior Johnny Vines tears at barbecue rib while dining at a Florida restaurant on Mid-term Break. Vines was the only male editor.



# Unforgettable Moments

\* "They're not athletes, they just have sweaty talents."

**-Jessica Lowe**

\* "I've always wanted to date a cowboy."

**-Katie Storms**

"But you're dating Vines."

**-Jessica Lowe**

"Yeah, but I'd probably dump him for a cowboy."

**-Katie Storms**

\* "I work on my bump every Friday night."

**-Katie Kelly**

\* "I have in my planner 'no sex for Friday.'"

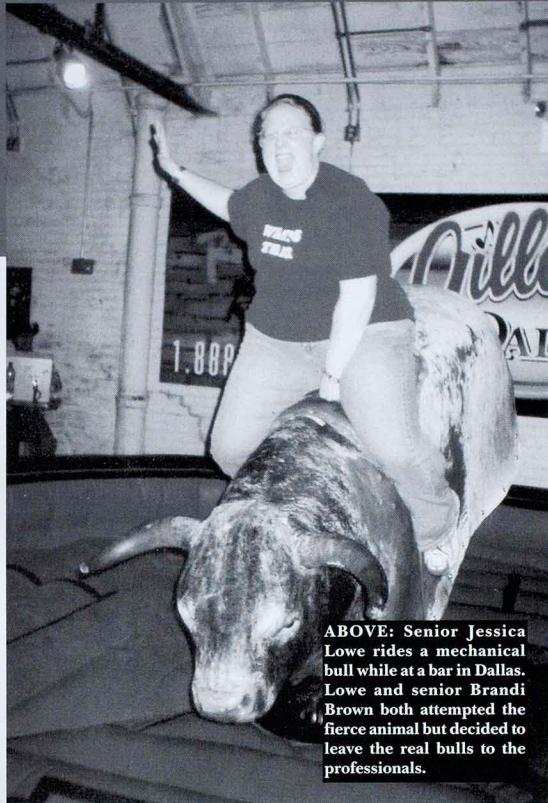
**-Beth Spinney** in reference to her human sexuality class.

"Oh, taking a break?"

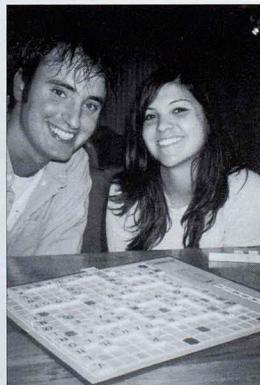
**-stranger** looking over her shoulder  
"Yeah, I'm fasting for Friday."

**-Beth Spinney**

LEFT: Sophomores Katie Kelly and Katie Jorgenson smile during the annual Echo banquet. Kelly and Jorgenson were both Echo photographers.



ABOVE: Senior Jessica Lowe rides a mechanical bull while at a bar in Dallas. Lowe and senior Brandi Brown both attempted the fierce animal but decided to leave the real bulls to the professionals.



ABOVE: Seniors Johnny Vines and Katie Storms play scrabble while in the Florida Keys during Midterm Break. Four editors, including seniors Bernadette Batliner and Jessica Lowe went to Florida over break.



ABOVE: Junior Reena Karan edits stories before giving them to section editors. Editors were required to work about eight hours each week and could perform duties for scholarship hours.

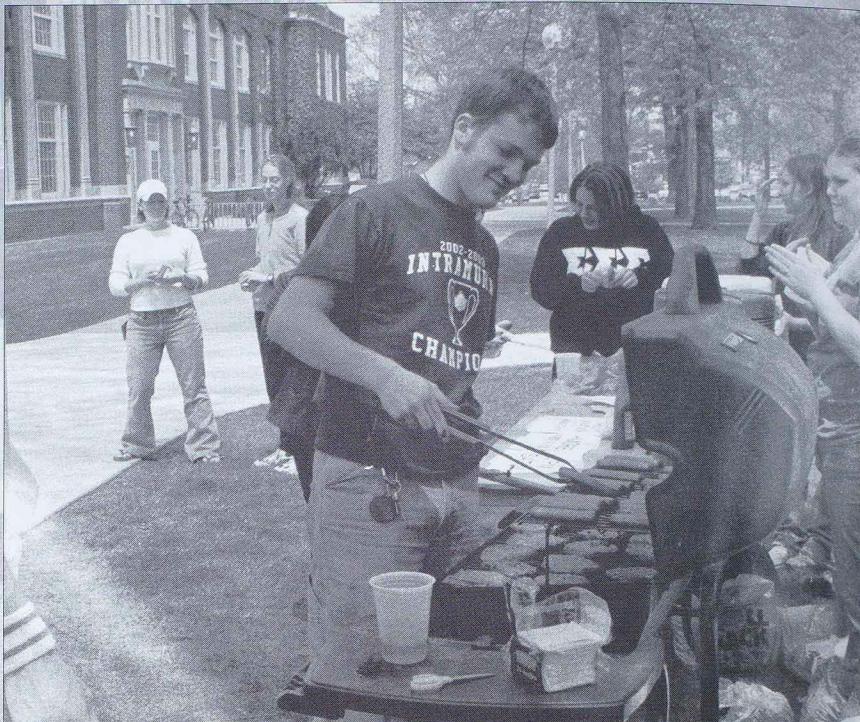


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**L**ife in college marked the beginning of Truman State University students' lives as true adults. Every decision students made was their own, and every minute students spent was as they chose. They were able to make individual decisions, which served as stepping stones along the destined path to graduation. This path,



however, contained a canopy of finals, presentations, term papers and those always-elusive A's. It was not easy.

Students, whether in the last second of a national championship or finishing a 20-page research project, faced both victory and defeat. They strove to overcome personal and academic challenges, and despite the outcome, students achieved a new level of personal growth. College accomplishments would always be remembered, but in the end, it was the details along the path

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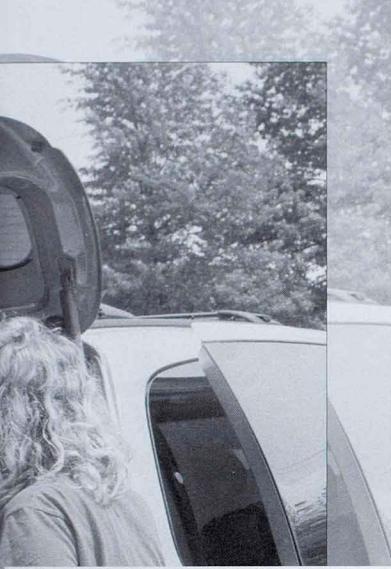


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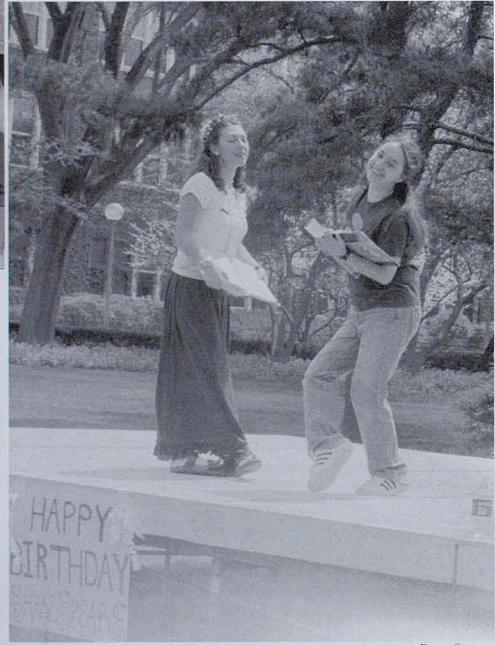
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that made college life unforgettable.

Students would always remember the friendly squirrels that followed students to class or the trademark weathervane that guided the way. The 2004 Echo Yearbook allowed students to remember these fine points, which made their



University experience unique.



The sold-out campus events remained in full color while the cheers of school spirit rang soundly through the pages of life. Relationships would continue, friends would become bridesmaids, and professors would be added to holiday greeting card lists. The college experience would not be forgotten. Instead, it would remain amplified. The recorded moments would serve as a reminder that it is not the great things in life, but rather the details, that define a person.

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